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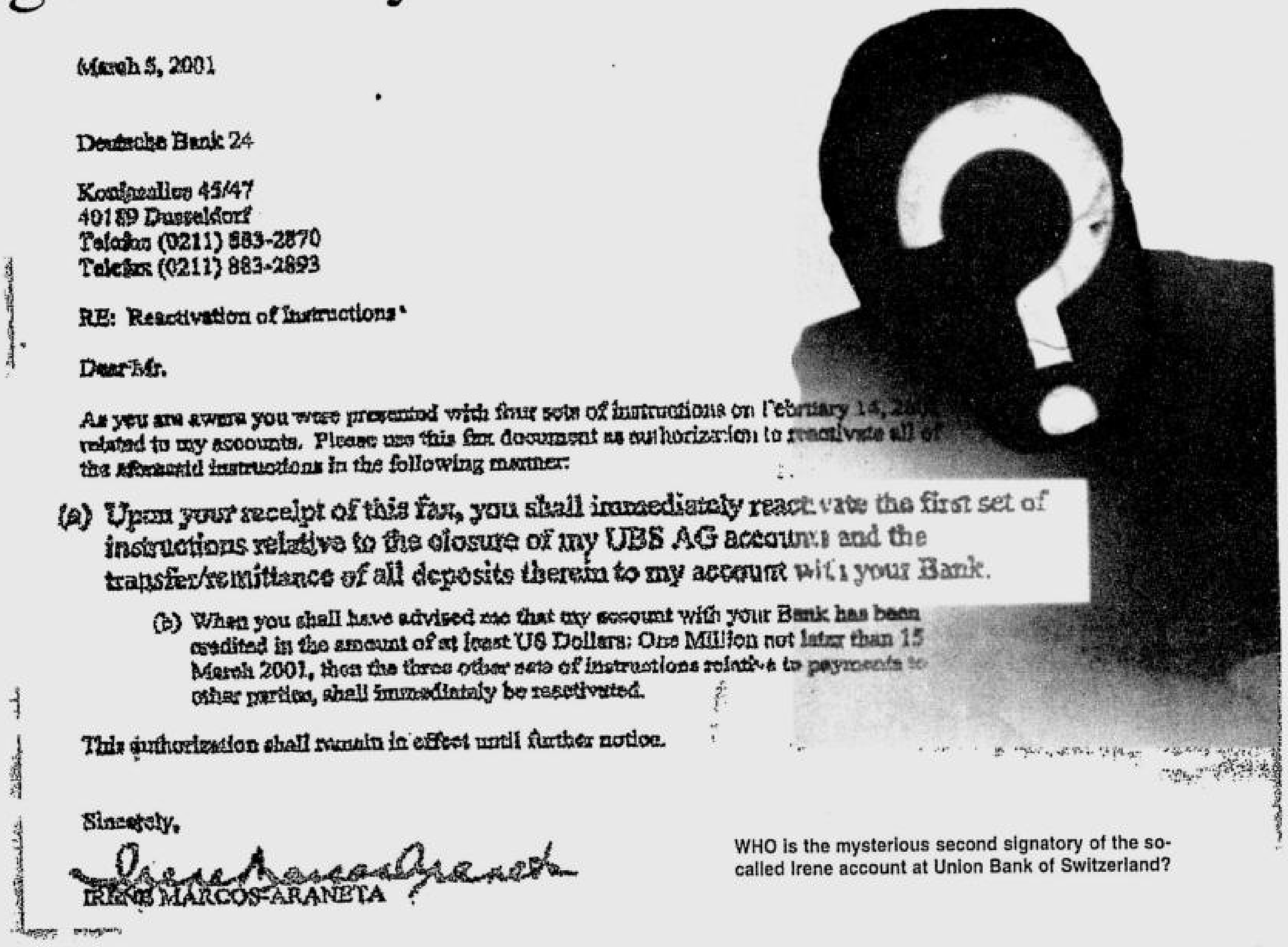

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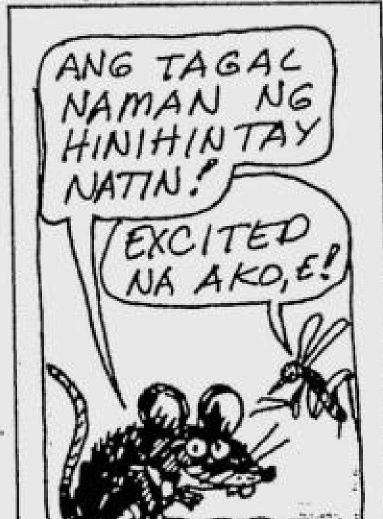
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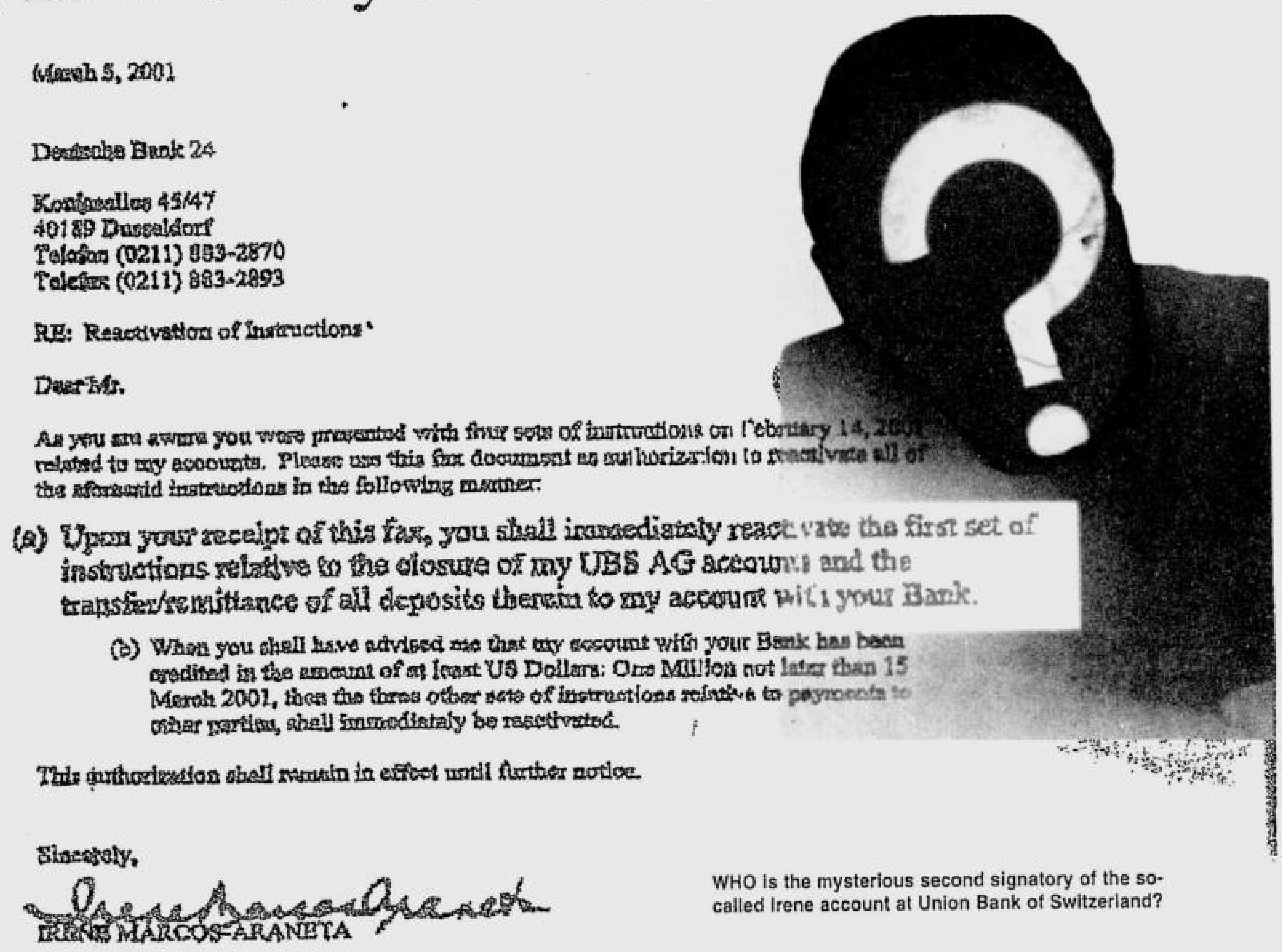

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In an interview, NPC president Ernesto Maceda said that while the NPC was allied with the LDP-PnM on the "national level," it would only endorse eight of the coalition's candidates.

On the "local level," some NPC candidates have entered into alliance with the administration Lakas-NUCD party, Maceda said.

The NPC will not support the candidacies of Mercado, Jamby Madrigal, Ombra Tamano, Ruben Canoy and former Sen. Santanina Rasul.

Mercado and Rasul are official guest candidates of the LDP.

Rasul, a member of the Lakas-NUCD, had bolted to the opposition after failing to make it to the administration slate.

From the PPC ticket, Maceda said the NPC has so far chosen to support reelectionists Serge Osmeña, Franklin Drilon and Juan Flavier.

It has not decided which two other administration candidates it will endorse, Maceda said.

Reacting to the NPC's move, PPC campaign director Paul Aquino said during a sortie in Tarlac that "whatever they give us is a plus."Drilon, one of those chosen by the NPC, was thankful but saddened that "they could not support all our candidates."

But with or without the support of the NPC, Francis Pangilinan predicted a 13-0 sweep of the PPC in Tarlac, the home province of NPC chair Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco.

Still confident

"We're still confident… we will be accepted in the spirit of people power," said Pangilinan who was not an NPC-anointed.

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Maceda, who is helping in the opposition's campaign, did not explain the reason for the NPC's split slate except to say that the five LDP-PnM candidates it has chosen not to endorse were at the tail end of the ticket.

"These were the last ones to join," said Maceda, ticking off the names of Rasul, Madrigal, Tamano, Canoy and Mercado, in that order.

In a separate interview, ousted President Joseph Estrada said he was optimistic of a 9-4 win for the LDP-PnM.

"We're not braggarts, 9-4 is good enough, 10-3 if we're lucky," he said in Filipino.

Maceda said some administration allies will also be junking some of the PPC candidates.

He said former Cebu governor Lito Osmeña, president of Promdi party, which had joined the so-called Edsa forces of the administration, had endorsed opposition candidate Panfilo Lacson who once served in Cebu.

'Cannot junk'

The Mercado camp pointed out that "technically speaking, the NPC cannot junk" Mercado since he is running as an independent and was only taken in as a guest candidate of the LDP.

Mercado, who was on the campaign trail yesterday, issued a statement which said: "I believe that our voters will not make their decision on the basis of party lines but will closely examine the track record and platform of the candidates."

Maceda has been seen with Estrada during the latter's appearances at certain opposition sorties.

Maceda showed up at the LDP-PnM campaign rallies in some key cities of Mindanao, in Navotas and in San Jose, Occidental Mindoro, last Tuesday.

NPC chair Cojuangco, another close friend of Estrada, has lent his private planes to Estrada and to the opposition candidates.

Earlier, some Lakas-NUCD members protested when party officials endorsed Cojuangco's son, Mark, as the party's congressional candidate for Pangasinan.

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Reject poster violators, voters told

By G. G. Lacuarta

IN AN APPARENT admission of the Commission on Elections' helplessness against wanton violation of a regulation on campaign posters by almost all candidates, a senior Comelec official has prescribed a penalty not found in the books: Don't vote for them.

"Almost all candidates are violators," said Comelec commissioner Rex Borra, the most senior official of the election body.

"So I am asking the public not to vote for these candidates who violate the law," he said.

When told that no candidate might win if his suggestion was followed, since almost all candidates do not follow the law on common poster areas, Borra said: "The better. So they will learn a lesson."

Borra was actually being kind in calling for the junking of candidates whose posters have turned the landscape into one big billboard. The penalty prescribed under the Omnibus Election Code for such election offense is imprisonment of not less than one year but not more than six years, not subject to probation.

Violators, whether candidates or supporters, shall also be sentenced to suffer disqualification to hold public office and deprivation of the right of suffrage.

But proving such an election offense could be a futile effort, as senatorial candidate Homobono Adaza of the Nacionalista Party had found out. Even Borra had admitted that nobody had been jailed, fined or disqualified for violating such regulation.

Adaza, a former immigration commissioner, had filed a disqualification case against 15 senatorial candidates who allegedly violated a prohibition on the posting of campaign materials such as posters and streamers in public places outside of common poster areas designated by the Comelec.

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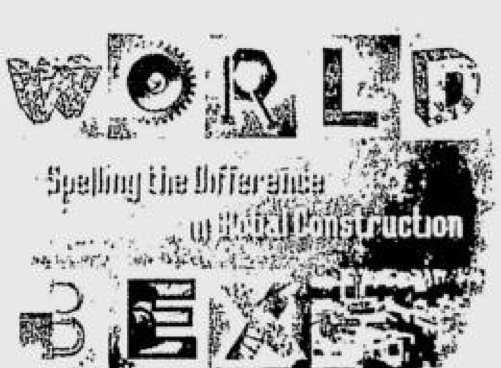
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	3 00 to 4 00	Wordtext Systems, Inc - HP Plotters
	4 00 to 5 00	Stoneworks-The Stoneworks Technology of Cast Polymer Products
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	1 00 to 2 00	Coleman Asia - Powermate Generators and Air Compressors
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	3 00 to 4 00	Clear Defense Phils , Inc
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Ramos: What Erap magic?

BY C. AVENDAÑO

"WHAT magic?" deadpanned former President Fidel Ramos about another former President Joseph Estrada, putting his vaunted charisma in the service of opposition senatorial bets.

Ramos, who is himself helping campaign for the pro-administration People Power Coalition, said he was doing so to ensure that the country would not see a return of the "bad" government that prevailed during Estrada's 31 months in power.

"The worst misfortune that can happen to the country is to elect a bad president as we did in 1998," he said at a PPC rally at barangay CAA in Las Piñas City on Tuesday night.

Ramos told reporters that the only way to eliminate bad government and ensure a good future for the youth of the nation is to elect good public officials.

The former president made the statement when asked to comment on reports that Estrada had scoffed at his campaigning for the PPC candidates.

Ramos said he was dismayed by the way Estrada's misrule had destroyed the good record of Filipinos that was borne out of the first people power uprising in 1986 when democracy was restored after the 14-year Marcos dictatorship.

The country, he said, had to undergo the same "misfortune" in the last one-and-a-half years of the Estrada government.

"So why shouldn't a senior citizen who is dismayed at the weakening or the diluting of our very good legacy in the eyes of the international community not express his opinion before the public, before the electorate?" asked Ramos.

The former president said joining the PPC campaign sorties and helping the administration candidates make a 13-0 sweep of the May 14 polls was something he had to do "in order that bad government will not return to the Philippines."

Erap wary of security detail

BY D. PAZZIBUGAN AND D. S. CUETO

OUSTED President Joseph Estrada does not think it is such a big deal having a 51-man security detail, one that is several times bigger than normally assigned to ex-presidents.

First off, the deposed chief executive believes, some of the guards, who are mostly Marines, may have been planted to spy on his movements.

"*Iba doon buka* planted *nila*, intelligence *nila para manmanan ako* (Some of them may be intelligence agents planted to spy on me)," said Estrada in an interview the other day.

Another problem posed by such a large security team, Estrada said, was having to feed them.

"*Mahirap nga, eh. Ang dami mong pinapakain* (It's hard. You have to feed so many)," he said.

"*Gustung-gusto nila maging* security *ko kasi kung anong kinakain ko, kinakain nila. Isinasabay ko pa* (They like being my security because they get to eat what I eat. I even join them.)," Estrada added.

The INQUIRER recently reported that Estrada has the largest security detail among the three surviving ex-presidents.

His detail is composed of three officers and 48 enlisted men. Former President Corazon Aquino has three guards, while ex-President Fidel Ramos has 13 guards.

Malacañang wants to recall most of the security guards assigned to Estrada, saying he was entitled to only three.

President Macapagal-Arroyo's spokesperson and chief of staff Renato Corona said Estrada has some 120 military guards, not just 51.

"It's more than double. It's 120 (guards). That's what we heard," Corona said yesterday.

Corona said, however, that Malacañang could not issue a directive to recall most of Estrada's guards.

"It's their mother unit that should do that," he told the INQUIRER.

He said there were military guards assigned even to the other families of Estrada, not just his "official" one.

This should not be the case, Corona said, as only Estrada, as an ex-president, is allowed by law to have a security detail.

Executive Secretary Renato de Villa said, however, that the 51 military guards assigned to Estrada were "covered by orders" and were "authorized."

"All of them are covered by orders. There is no fixed number. That is in the regulations," he said Tuesday.

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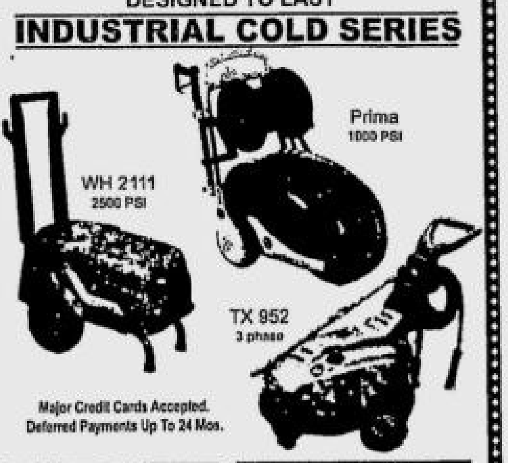
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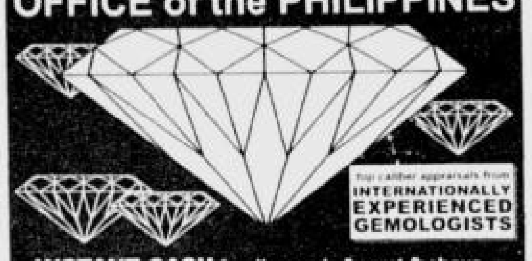
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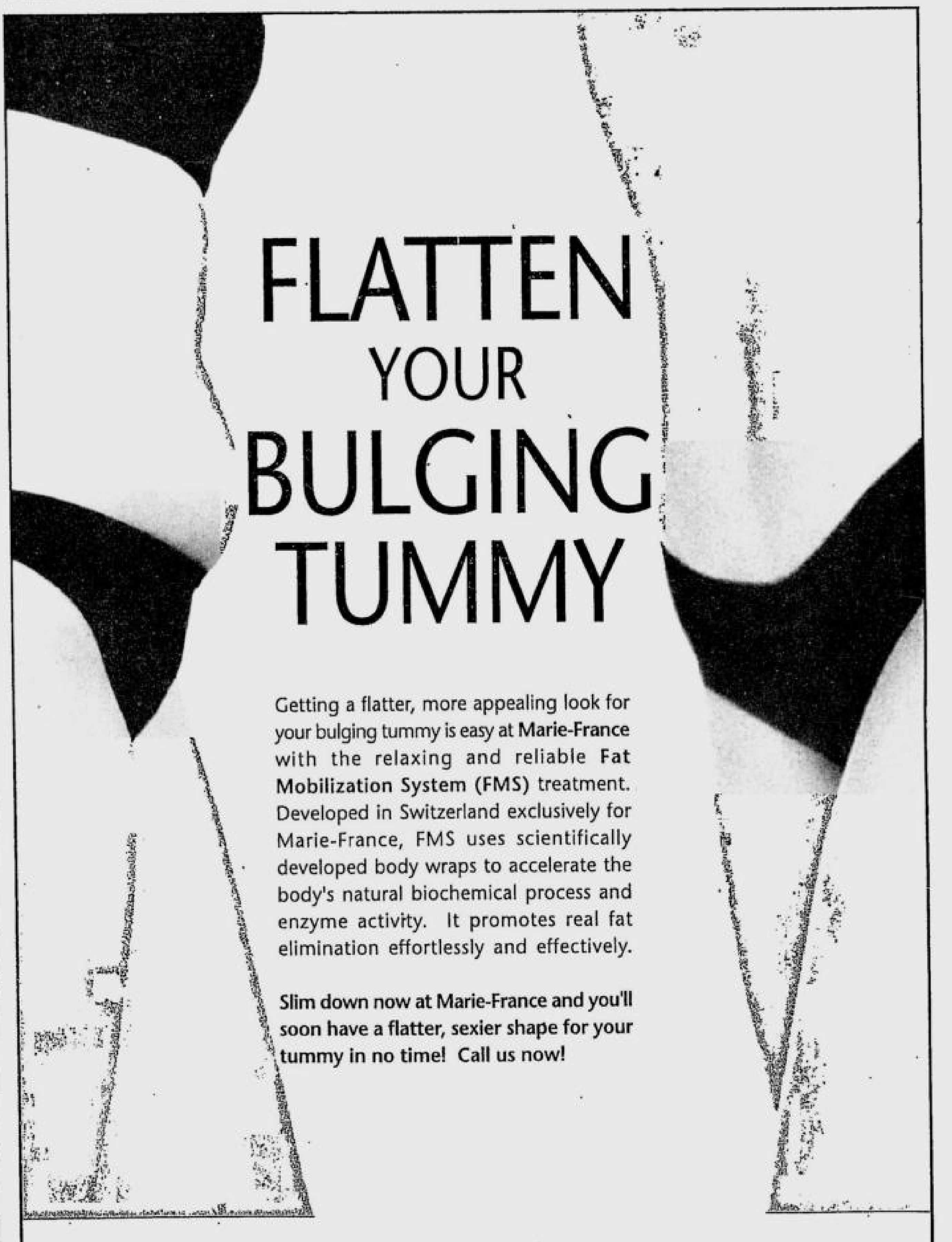
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IMF sees RP economy picking up this year

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inflation to hit 8 percent in the second half of the year.

In a summary of their recent assessment of the Philippines, IMF executive directors urged authorities to remain committed to budget discipline in order to shore up credibility and head off potential debt problems.

While overall growth firmed up to 3.9 percent in 2000, the country began to suffer "a significant slowdown" last October when the "Juetengate" scandal broke out.

The IMF noted an improvement in the economic outlook for 2001 with the peaceful resolution of the political crisis that engulfed President Joseph Estrada and his replacement by Vice President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo on Jan. 20.

"Activity is expected to pick up again, although the strength of the rebound is difficult to gauge at this stage," the IMF said.

The Macapagal administration expects the economy to pick up in four to six months.

But Sean Nolan, the IMF resident representative in Manila, yesterday said economic recovery might take longer.

IMF economists foresee a 3.3-percent growth this year, while the government expects a GDP expansion of 3.75-4.3 percent.

The IMF also predicts an 8-percent inflation this year. The Macapagal administration, however, ruled out such a scenario, saying inflation will most likely average 6-7 percent.

After falling to 3-4 percent in the first half of 2000, inflation jumped to 6.7 percent last month in response to higher oil and food prices.

Well-designed

Looking ahead, IMF directors "urged an early adoption of a comprehensive and well-designed medium-term fiscal program to strengthen credibility and . . . to deal with the rising level of public debt before it becomes a more serious burden on the economy."

The government budget deficit swelled to P136.1 billion last year, way beyond the P62.5-billion target.

The Macapagal administration plans to limit the deficit to P145 billion this year despite fears it could reach P225 billion.

IMF directors also called for legislative measures aimed at boosting revenues, tax reform and cuts in "low-priority" spending to allow for stepped-up poverty reduction efforts.

While the overall banking sector remained healthy, IMF directors raised concerns about the operations of the Philippine National Bank.

They added that the difficulties encountered by another unidentified institution "point to the vulnerabilities that arise even for reportedly strong institutions in an environment of weak governance, excessive bank secrecy and inadequate provisions against money laundering."

The IMF also counseled Philippine authorities to press ahead with tariff and trade liberalization, corporate sector reform and measures to improve the functioning of the labor market.

After exceeding its $1.6-billion loan quota with the IMF, the Philippines is required to undergo an IMF review three times a year.

The monitoring will continue until the Philippines brings down its outstanding loan to the IMF to the quota level.

The Macapagal administration, however, has yet to submit to the IMF its economic targets this year.

Bad loans

To spur economic growth, the Macapagal administration is planning to establish an agency that will absorb bad bank loans as part of an effort to restructure the country's financial system.

The cash-rich Social Security System, the state-run pension fund for the private sector, is laying the groundwork to set up the agency.

"Basically, it is a systemic solution to the problem of bad loans and under capitalization in the Philippine financial system," SSS Chair Vitaliano Nañagas said.

Following the 1997 financial crisis that plunged Southeast Asia into recession, Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand set up agencies to buy back non-performing loans of banks or other financial assets gone sour.

Nañagas, however, said the proposed agency would not be a carbon copy of its regional counterparts and would have "its own local flavor."

The Philippines was among the least hit by the 1997 financial crisis. But non-performing loans remain a headache for the country's economic managers who also have to contend with under-capitalized financial institutions.

About 15 percent of the total loans of Philippine banks are considered non-performing. *With a report from AFP*

Cops eye frat war angle in Baguio studes killings

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said police were looking into fraternity rivalry as the motive for the killing of Giancarlo Leung, 22, and his friend Tihani Tingal, 26, by still unidentified suspects.

In a forum at the Ciudad Fernandina yesterday, Mendoza said the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force (PAOCTF) had noted that Leung, a graduating mass communication student, was the head of the Beta Sigma fraternity's UP Baguio chapter when he was abducted and killed.

Investigation showed that Beta Sigma was involved in a rumble with another fraternity just last month, Mendoza said. He refused to name the rival group.

Tingal, a UP Baguio speech communication graduate, was in town to get her diploma. She was reportedly applying for a job as a flying stewardess at Philippine Airlines.

"This is really an isolated case," Mendoza said. "It's not normal for kidnappers to kill their hostages. If the motive was money, we're wondering why they had to kill the hostages for the measly sum of P250,000."

While the PNP is not discounting the kidnap-for-ransom angle, Mendoza said the "very abnormal" abduction could be because of "personal" motives against the victims, particularly Leung.

Leung's father, Charles, said he wished that his son's abduction would be the last his assailants would pull off. But unlike the families of other kidnap victims, Mr. Leung said he did not want lawmen to summarily execute those who killed his son.

"I would . . . like to request (that once they are arrested), please get them back alive.

"Don't let them suffer the same fate as my son. It will not bring my son back," Mr. Leung said in an interview.

"Even if they are criminals, they also have wives and children who would suffer if they are killed. I don't want that to happen to them," he added.

"Where would it all lead? If I ask for their deaths, what would happen? Their relatives would exact revenge and it will not end," Mr. Leung said.

"Will it bring back my son? If it would bring him back, maybe I would have a different view but then I don't think it would change anything," he added.

Chance to talk

Instead, Mr. Leung wants to have a chance to talk to his son's abductors.

"Maybe they won't want to see me, but I certainly want to see them if only for the fact that they were the last persons to see my son (alive) . . . I'd like my peaceful moment with them, to test my faith. I might be able to find it in my heart to forgive them," he said.

"I would ask them how my son was during those times, what they did to him, did they feed my son? Those were times that you wanted to hug him. You know what being a parent is all about. His mother was able to talk to him, but I never had the chance," Mr. Leung said when asked what he would tell the kidnappers.

Giancarlo's mother, Lota, talked to his son during the negotiations with the kidnappers, but there were some hazy portions in the conversation as Giancarlo's voice was garbled.

Leung was abducted sometime Thursday night in Baguio City. The car used by Leung and Tingal was last seen at 2:30 a.m. Friday in front of a Baguio establishment. The witness, however, could not determine how many people were in the car at the time or what they were doing because the car was tinted.

At 7:30 p.m., Leung's mother was able to reach her son's cellular phone. The person who answered the phone told her that they had kidnapped her son. The person initially demanded a one-million-peso ransom but this was subsequently lowered to P250,000. On Saturday evening, Ms Leung was in Tarlac from Baguio on her way with a relative to deliver the money to a designated place when she received a call from her son's abductors who said the deal was off because police authorities have been informed by the family.

Leung's body was found in Mexico, Pampanga before dawn Sunday; there was a single gunshot wound at the nape. Tingal's body was recovered in San Simon, also in the province, a few hours later.

The elder Leung said he was in a public place when he first learned of the kidnapping and he reacted with anger, shouting how it could have happened. His shouts drew the attention of other people.

Anger

This anger, he said, was what he was currently dealing with, adding that he was not consoled by the PNP claim that kidnapping statistics have gone down under the Macapagal administration.

"It is no consolation to me as a parent that statistics do not increase or they decrease if it is your son who has been kidnapped, if it is your daughter who has been kidnapped. It's not for me (to comment on statistics). I cannot do anything about that. It's not my job. My job is to provide the environment for my children to grow up in a peaceful environment, orderly, safe," he said.

Giancarlo, he recalled, was to graduate this year.

"He was supposed to start his life. He was graduating. My world, his world, have been shattered. It's all gone," he said.

Mendoza stood solidly behind the PAOCTF agents handling the Leung-Tingal abduction, saying the death of the two victims should not be blamed on the police operation.

"The family is not blaming the PAOCTF; they've been very professional in handling the case," Mendoza said. "We're not slow, but we have to gather evidence before we make any arrests. We can't just pick up anyone and release them afterwards because we got the wrong people."

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On the same day, the commemorative stamp issued by the Philippine Postal Corp. to mark the anniversary will also be launched. Philippine Ambassador to the Holy See Henrietta T. de Villa will turn over one frame of the first issue stamps to the Vatican in special ceremonies.

Gordon faces 1st DOT revolt

By Jerome Aning

HUNDREDS of Department of Tourism employees walked out of their offices at noon yesterday to protest the "inhuman and dictatorial" leadership style of Secretary Richard Gordon.

Members of the DOT Employees Association demanded that Gordon change his style or step down.

"He's inhuman. He acts like a dictator here. He and his men have humiliated many employees, even visitors and passersby," DOTEA president Delfin Maravilla told reporters.

Maravilla said DOT employees dislike Gordon because he is tempestuous. Some of the employees said they were offended by the secretary who shouts at them and makes them pick up litter in the DOT building and grounds.

After one flag ceremony, another employee recalled, the DOT chief spotted cigarette butts and plastic littering the quadrangle and ordered employees to pick them up.

Gordon, who was on his way to the airport for a meeting at the time of the walkout, returned to the DOT to meet with the disgruntled employees.

He talked to the employees over a loudspeaker at the DOT quadrangle on Kalaw Street, Manila.

He enumerated the DOT's accomplishments under his leadership, then told the protesters to talk to him in front of "all the employees so everyone could hear."

Gordon also defended his cleanliness drive and said he was doing it to improve the country's image and to attract more tourists.

"A DOT employee should be conscious of litter in his surroundings, and he should make an effort to pick it up," he said. He said he had the guts to tell ousted President Joseph Estrada, when the latter was a senator and touring Subic, to pick up a cigarette butt he had thrown to the ground, thereby earning Estrada's ire.

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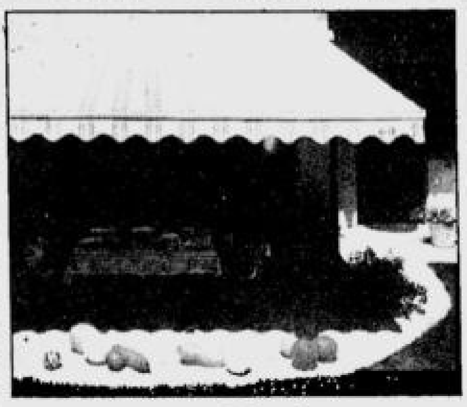

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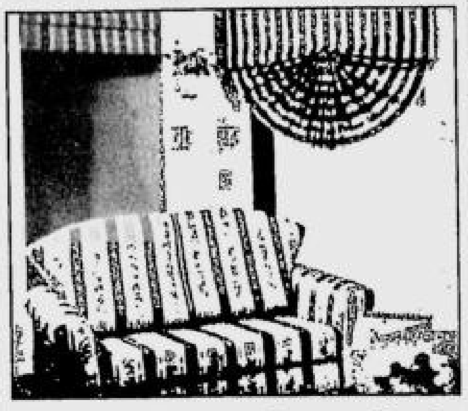

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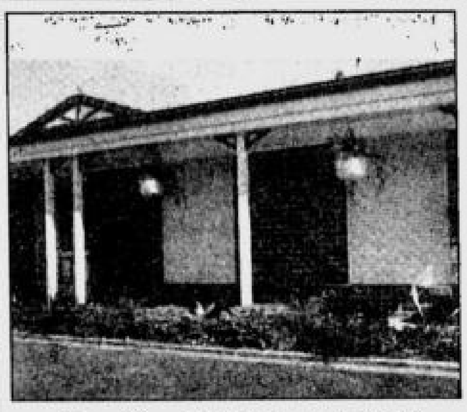

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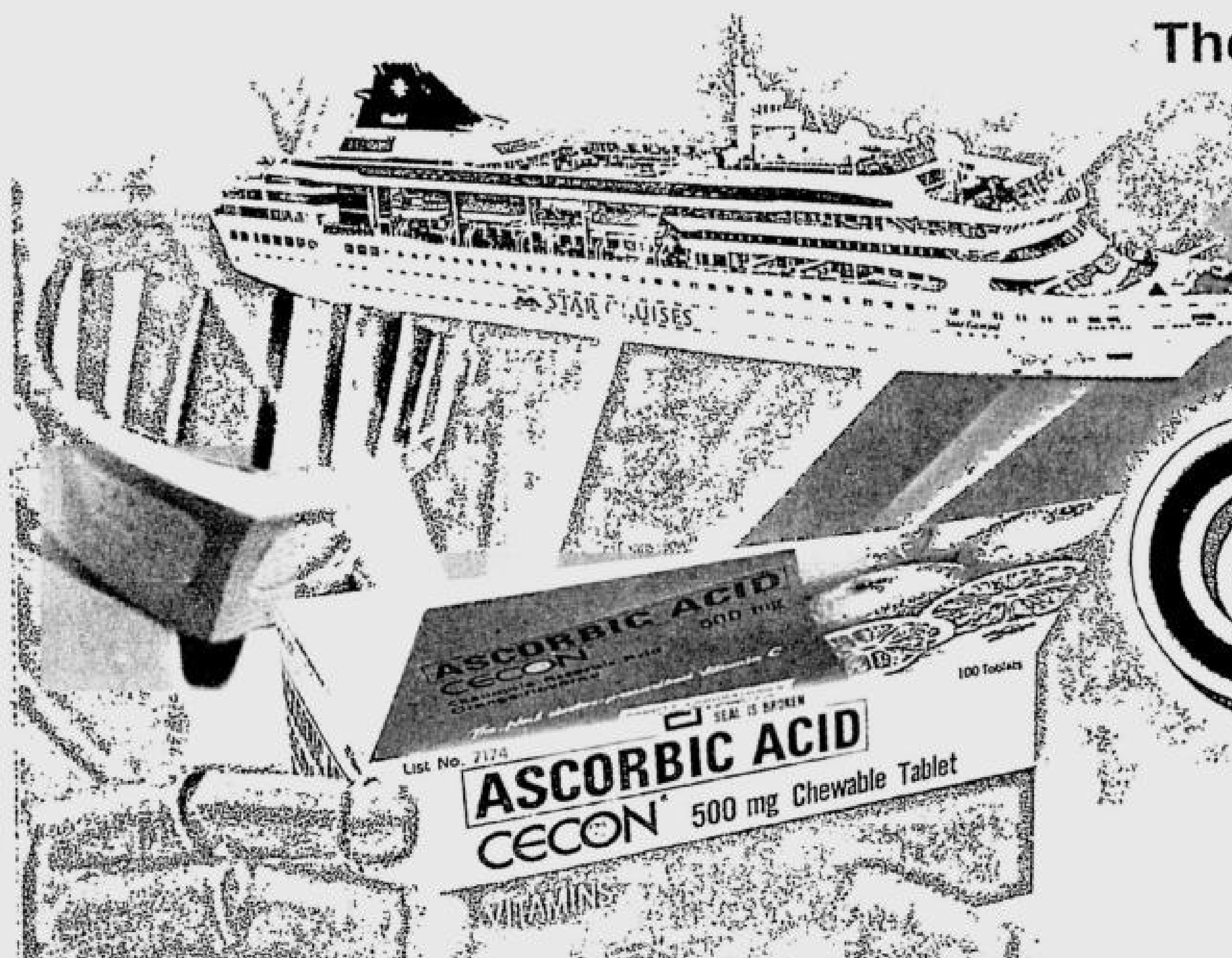

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Chimera

EDITORIAL

CAN anyone forget Imelda Marcos' declaration once upon a time that she and her family own practically the whole country? Her daughter Imee later laughingly said something to the effect that her mommy was as usual going over the top. But this attempt at damage control did nothing to temper the memory of the family's reign and the appalling excess that accompanied it. The declaration may have been aired by a woman whose very appearance is more often than not an exercise in exaggeration (never mind the shoes, think tiaras studded with diamonds and rubies), but to people who remember, it could not have been a mere boast. The whole country? Sure. And maybe other things besides.

Which is why Irene Marcos Araneta's supposed letters of instruction to the Deutsche Bank in Dusseldorf, Germany—the subject of a continuing special report in the INQUIRER—should pose more than just passing interest both to this government and its constituents. Can these possibly be the smoking gun, the key to unraveling the many-splendored, multi-layered Swiss accounts, which are but part of the fruits of plunder that, even now, 15 years after the fall, remain beyond the people's grasp?

The documents indicate that Irene and her husband Gregorio "Greggy" Araneta instructed a bank official to move accounts from the Union Bank of Switzerland to Deutsche Bank in Dusseldorf, and that Irene gave Greggy a power of attorney to represent her in all dealings thereof. Interviews with Australian investigator Reiner Jacobi and his lawyer David Chaikin provide details on the couple's trips to and from the bank and what transpired there, including the opening of separate accounts by apparent bounty hunters expecting commensurate cuts in the transaction.

The details are vivid, positively cloak-and-dagger. The suspense buff can conceivably be driven to imagine Jacobi peering at the principals from behind potted plants—except that this is no laughing matter. And what is the attentive observer to make of the fact that neither husband nor wife, or even anyone of the parties named, including the Aranetas' supposed lawyer, Eleazar Reyes, a responsible member of Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile's law firm, has so far seen fit to break their silence?

But German authorities are already looking into the alleged money-laundering efforts of Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos' younger daughter, who has been described, interestingly, as the "low-key one." Given the less than encouraging, indeed icily indifferent, stance of the Presidential Commission on Good Government, the investigation being conducted by Dusseldorf's "special department for organized criminality" should provide a glimmer of hope.

A long reign of excess that extended into unparalleled brutality gave rise to resistance that led to People Power I, which eventually threw the Marcoses out on their ear. It is a profoundly poignant note in our history that a just resolution of those dark years remains a chimera, allowing the family to reclaim what should have been irretrievably lost ground, in fine fettle, hugely unrepentant.

And yet precisely because of this haunting chimera, a reign of excess that extended into such barbarities as an all-out war in certain regions in Mindanao gave rise to resistance that led to People Power II, which eventually threw Joseph Estrada out on his ear.

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo is presented with a sterling opportunity to exercise political will and right, not one, but two monumental wrongs. If she flubs it, how relentlessly that trite adage will ring true: Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it.

Presumption of negligence

FOREIGN COMMENT

CELL-PHONE frustrations have moved from bumper stickers to legislation. Thirty-five states, including Washington, are considering bills to restrict hand-held car phones. Three bills in Olympia have limited chance of success this year, but something has to give.

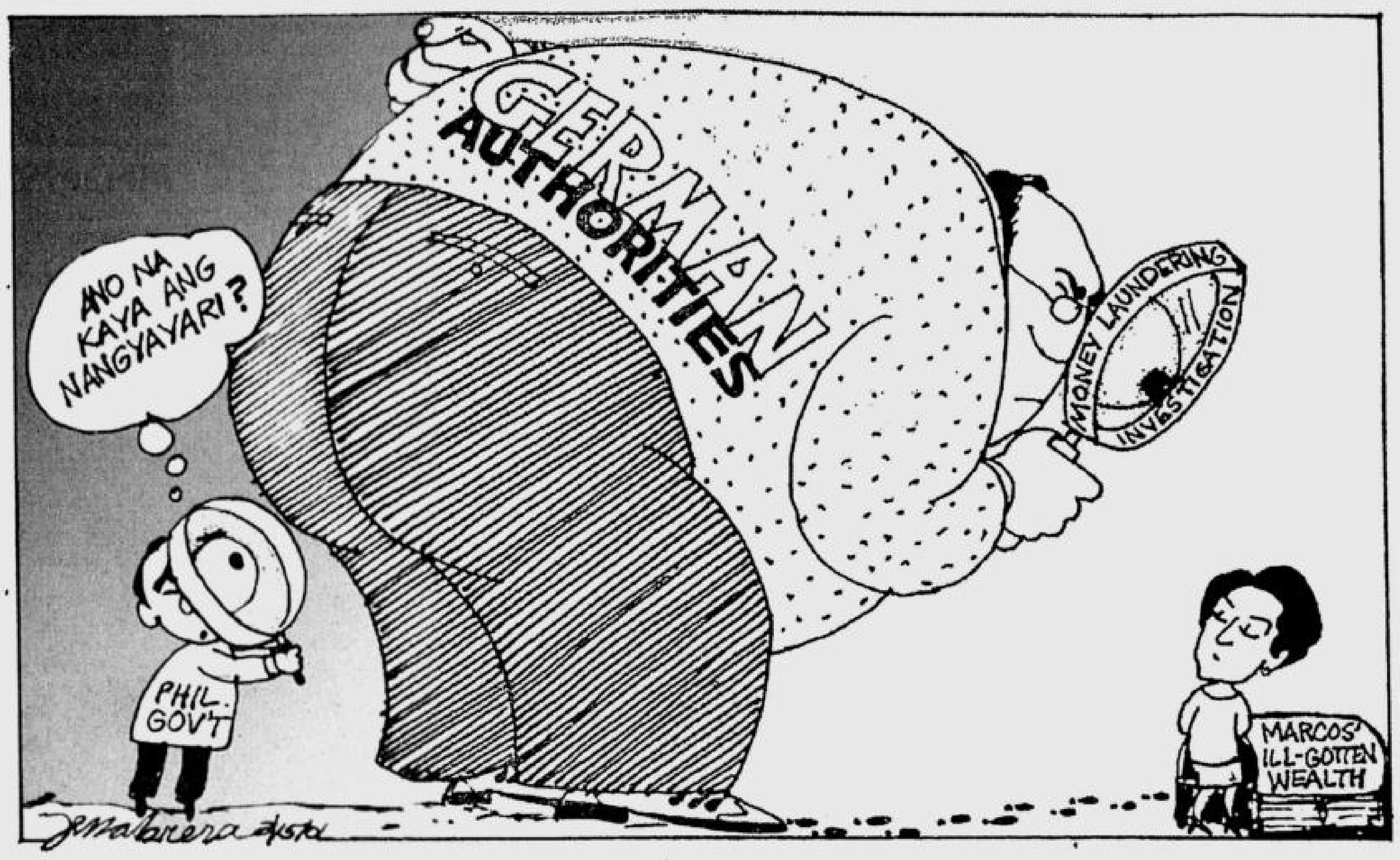
One bill would impose a $35 fine on a driver using a cell phone that leads to a crash. The other would ban hand-held cell phones, with exceptions for motorists reporting drunken drivers or summoning emergency help. Another would phase in hands-free car phones over three years. ...

This issue is ripe for compromise. With 110 million cell-phone users, and more signing up every day, cell phones are here to stay. They save lives; they're a convenience people won't give up..

The best approach is a presumption of negligence on the cell-phone user. Nebraska is considering such a bill. That combined with a move toward more hands-free phoning is a smart way to go.

A law that presumes negligence for cell-phone users places responsibility where it belongs: the person who bet—and bet wrongly—he or she could talk and drive safely at the same time.

The Seattle Times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Candidates making a mockery of Election Code

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

YESTERDAY, I wrote that lawyers of the Commission on Elections are blind to the provisions of RA 6646, known as the Electoral Reform Law of 1987, and RA 8436, known as the Computerization Law, which give special standby powers to the Comelec to hold certain pre-election acts such as registration of voters. That's not the only thing they are blind to.

Former Immigration Commissioner Homobono Adaza has filed disqualification cases against candidates who violated the Election Code by having posters bigger than the required size and posting them in unauthorized places. The Comelec's legal department, in an obvious attempt to shirk its duty, said Adaza must provide evidence on the violations.

All the Comelec lawyers have to do is step out of their offices and the violations will smack them in the face. They will see the posters of candidates illegally plastered on every inch of wall, post and tree. They see these atrocities every day when they go to their offices and back. Are they blind? Don't they see how these political posters have made an already ugly metropolis even uglier? What more evidence do they need?

A convenient defense of candidates is that there is no proof that they ordered their workers to paste their posters on unauthorized places. Well, who else would order the workers but the candidates or people working in their behalf? Who else would be benefited by those posters?

Penalty for violation of the Election Code is disqualification. But since almost all the candidates have already violated it, only Adaza would be left and he would be a senator by default.

Naturally, the Comelec can't disqualify only one or two candidates as examples. The law must apply to all; the Comelec can't be choosy. So we face the prospect of having all the candidates but Adaza disqualified.

On the other hand, we can't have politicians making a mockery of our election laws. How can we elect candidates who violate our laws with impunity, laws that some of them helped make? If they violate the laws now when they were still courting the favor of voters, how much more abusive would they be when they are elevated to positions of power?

Should the Comelec pretend to be blind to this wanton violation of the Election Code that it is duty-bound to protect and enforce? Why did it make the rules at all if it cannot enforce them? No, we cannot allow this wholesale violation of our laws by people selling themselves as public servants.

But what can the Comelec do without postponing the elections for lack of qualified candidates? I suggest following the proposal made by Metro Manila Development Authority Chair Benjamin Abalos at the Kapihan sa Manila the other Monday. Abalos suggested that the candidates be made to remove their posters at their own expense from the walls and posts of the metropolis, or else pay the full penalty of disqualification. Metro Manila is filthy enough with the uncollected garbage without the politicians adding their own filth. Cleaning them would cost the taxpayers hundreds of millions of pesos that could otherwise be used for more urgent purposes. It should be the candidates who should pay for cleaning them.

But will the Comelec, which is already shirking its duty to register four million youths, have the balls to force the politicians to clean their own dirt?

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Sen. Loren Legarda called me up very early Tuesday morning, feeling alluded to in an item in that day's column. The item said a senator is pushing the construction of a highway that would pass through a forest and massacre 3,000 trees. The highway, however, would benefit the resort of the senator's spouse.

"I know you're referring to me," Legarda said, "so I want to explain it to you."

She said the Ternate-Nasugbu Highway remains unfinished since the time of President Corazon Aquino so she called a multi-sectoral meeting to find out what the problem was. The problem was that people were opposing the highway because it would pass through a national park, Mt. Palay-palay, which meant moving thousands of trees. So she said she asked that the road be rerouted so that no tree would be cut, if that is possible or, if not, as few trees as possible.

"I was not pushing the project," the senator said. "I just wanted to facilitate the completion of the project as it would boost tourism and economic development in Batangas. The decision is up to the DPWH and the DENR." Legarda is chair of the Senate committees on tourism and economic development.

She emphasized that the highway will not benefit her husband Tony Leviste's resort at all. His resort is an island, Fortune Island, and does not need a highway, she said. Tourists go there by boat from another point, Wawa, and not in great numbers to need a highway.

"I love trees and nature as much as you do," she said, "and I would not be a party to the killing of any."

That I can vouch for. The senator is an environmentalist. If you have traveled the South Expressway, you must have noticed the majestic mahogany trees on both sides of the Batangas interchange. She planted them herself during one of her birthday celebrations. She promises to plant more.

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Peace in her time

WINDMILLS

Jerry Barican

AFTER DECADES of hard lines followed by amnesties, zigs and zags in government policy, and every political twist and turn conceivable, it is both good and amazing that we haven't yet abandoned that elusive phantom of hope called peace. Now it is the CPP-NPA's turn, having been preceded by the MILF, to savor the conversion of what was so recently a winter of discontent into Gloria's summer.

If peace talks will finally bring the CPP-NPA rebellion to an end three decades after it began in 1968, it is unquestionably a good thing. There are two reasons, however, for pessimism.

The first is that the government's own record of implementing peace agreements it reached in the past, in particular with the MNLF, has stressed their letter rather than spirit. That will make future talks with other dissident groups that much more difficult. The second is that the other side in other talks, in this case the CPP-NPA, has mirrored the government's own cynicism and has viewed the talks principally as a tool for strengthening its own position, rather than abandoning the armed struggle and embracing peace.

It may be useful to remember that there were even higher hopes following the euphoria of Edsa in 1986, and those hopes proved forlorn. Talks dragged on. The CPP-NPA-NDF used what they described in party documents as "democratic space" to strengthen their legal and underground organizations, to expand guerrilla fronts and enhance agitation and propaganda. Kidnapping and revolutionary taxes returned. Consequently, the political retreat of the party in the early years was reversed and since FVR's time has grown apace.

If we are not to repeat the costly mistakes of the past—costly in the lives of the men and women of the Armed Forces we send off to protect us, of insurgents and of innocent citizens—it is useful to combine a sincere wish for peace with clearheaded thinking. To proceed to action without thought is not only stupid but utterly deserving of Arthur Balfour's famous dismissal, "If he had a little more brains, he would be a half-wit."

There are already signs that the government's goodwill, evidenced by its unilateral release of some "political prisoners" (the term is in quotes because the government and the NDF can't quite agree on its definition), is not being reciprocated in kind. A press statement of the NDF that the talks will continue "in a mutually accepted foreign neutral venue" constitutes subtle positioning by the NDF again.

Simply put, the foreign and neutral formula conforms to the NDF's claim to belligerent status and therefore to international recognition. Even the projected release of one of the kidnapped soldiers, Maj. Noel Buan, is portrayed as a POW goodwill gesture by a "provisional government" controlled by Jose Maria Sison and Luis Jalandoni in the Hague. The government has rejected these postures. This is not an encouraging beginning for peace talks.

A good place to start may be to ask ourselves—and the NDF—what the insurgents' self-described ideological basis for peace talks is. It cannot be because it has abandoned the armed struggle in exchange for the parliamentary. On the contrary, the vicious divide between the "reaffirmationists" who support Sison's line of armed struggle and the "rejectionists" who oppose it centers on this very issue. It is a killing matter and it has been openly speculated in media that Popoy Lagman's assassination may have been a result of such differences.

But if the NDF is not genuinely prepared to consider rejecting armed struggle, then any future talks, like those of 1986 and beyond, must be ultimately doomed to fail. History will be repeating itself. We will be witnessing, as a consequence of talks whose principled foundations have not been laid, a rapid expansion of CPP influence as ceasefires are used for their strategic advancement.

A key collateral problem is the effect such a development will have on the AFP, as well as other state institutions. If the history of the Aquino presidency is any indication, this will gradually and eventually provoke suspicion and resentment by a military frustrated by what it sees happening in the field. At a time when the cohesion of the military and the nature of its national role are already at issue, this can't be good. This is not going to be an immediate problem but a longer term one.

Furthermore, a revolving-door policy on amnesty sends confusing and discouraging signals to law enforcers, prosecutors and judges alike. Why bother with enforcement if the government will once again change its mind and order releases? These peace talks should therefore be definitive and not become just another point in a policy cycle.

We lack continuity and bi-partisanship on the key national security issues. The failed result, for all to see, is this never-ending cycle of *atras-abante*, mailed-fist or sweet talk. National security issues are for the nation, not just the National Security Council, to settle.

That national approach must be three-pronged. In the identified rural areas where the CPP has created an invisible alternative government, the military must continue to operate under updated military doctrine to provide protection to ordinary citizens as well as local political leaders who are intimidated by the insurgents.

Side by side, there must be close civilian oversight to prevent human rights abuses or opportunities for propaganda against the government. Finally, real money—say P50 billion—must be poured into these rural areas in connection with visible economic programs. Douglas MacArthur's famous reply to his government, "Send me bread or send me bullets," sent when he was American pro-consul of occupied Japan, is a good doctrine 50 years later. Poverty and injustice are the CPP's best recruiters, and rice fields are the battles' frontlines.

What the President may achieve is peace in her time. What the nation deserves is peace for all time. The latter, not the former, should be the administration's and the NDF's goal.

Find your precincts before polls on the Internet

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

IF People Power Coalition (PPC) senatorial candidate Obet Pagdanganan, former three-term governor of Bulacan, had run in 1998 for the Thai Senate, perhaps he would have recovered the seat he claims was stolen from him through *dagdag-bawas*. In a landmark order, the Election Commission of Thailand recently expelled 10 senators, including the Senate president himself, after finding them guilty of cheating to win last year's elections. The four-member Election Commission's decision, which is non-appealable, came swiftly and decisively.

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In our country, Senate President Nene Pimentel himself claimed to have been a victim of *dagdag-bawas* in 1995, but he decided that it was easier to run again in 1998 and win the elections than win his protest in the Senate Electoral Tribunal (SET). Pagdanganan was making enormous progress in his electoral protest but he knows it would take forever for the SET to decide despite overwhelming evidence supporting his claim of victory. Hence Pagdanganan's decision to run again, with the plea, "Re-elect me to the Senate."

We Filipinos can only look with envy at the swiftness of justice in Thailand. *Dagdag-bawas* is a real menace to democracy and we should all fight it. But the first step is to prosecute all those who have engaged in it, including Comelec personnel and politicians. Pimentel and Pagdanganan should not abandon this crusade.

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In every election, hordes of citizens fail to vote because they cannot find their precincts or locate their names on the voters' list. In these coming May elections this could be a tragedy of Greek proportions because of the prospect that over four million youths may not be able to vote, as they have failed to register. It's easy to see confusion and frustration among citizens.

Fortunately, some people are trying to come up with solutions, instead of just throwing up their hands. Philip Ella Juico, who served as Cory Aquino's agrarian reform secretary and chaired the Philippine Sports Commission in the Ramos years, has come out with a creative scheme to help citizens minimize the tragedy of not being able to vote. Called "Online Validation of Voters," this project will help minimize the mess at the precinct level on election day—free of charge.

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Juico's firm, MapCentral, a company put together by UP professors to "map out" the country down to the barangay level, is making available to the Comelec and the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV) its assets as well as its website free of charge. MapCentral is ready to link up its collection of digitized maps and information, the largest in the country, covering 1,680 cities and towns as well as 79 provinces, with the Comelec's own maps of 229,000 polling precincts and its list of voters. The idea is to interface these two agencies' assets so that the voters can be helped in locating and finding their precincts long before election day. They can verify their status in various precincts without having to go there physically. How? By simply clicking on MapCentral's two websites: MapCentral.ph. and FindPrecinct.com.

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Under Juico's proposal, MapCentral's website will be open to any valid voter registered with the poll body, who wants to inquire about his or her record (but no one else's, so there is no invasion of privacy). It will also help eliminate fraud, as the voters can find out if their names are registered in more than one precinct.

Two things are needed by the voter to avail himself of MapCentral's voter service: access to a computer and an Internet connection. What about those voters without computers? Juico has sent proposals to telephone companies like PLDT, BayanTel, Smart and Globe, as well as computer companies that could provide Internet services to all levels of society. A tie-up with them would mean setting up booths with computers and phone lines in strategic areas throughout the country, such as in schools and parish churches. In fact, this online validation could be a joint project of NGOs.

Juico has made a project presentation to Comelec Chair Fred Benipayo and Commissioner Rex Borra as well as to the PPCRV, and they expressed keen interest in it. Today he is presenting it to the Comelec's technical group and ultimately to the poll body en banc. I hope they will approve it as it would help minimize their problems on election day.

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Is the Jacobi story on Irene and Greggy Araneta's $13.2 billion a hoax or not? The Filipino people ought to be told the truth. The German authorities are investigating Irene for "money laundering" in connection with her alleged attempt to transfer the fortune from a Swiss to a German bank. But here the Aranetas have not even been questioned, largely because the Presidential Commission on Good Government has been leaderless since Magdangal Elma exited with the Estrada regime. Only Commissioner Jorge Sarmiento has been left to man the fort.

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There is a lot to be done in the PCGG, and lawyer Haydee Yorac, to whom the job of chairing the PCGG was offered by President Macapagal, has agreed to take it, but only after the May elections since she chairs the PPCRV. But there is fear that a lot of the Marcos wealth still abroad is not only being concealed well but allegedly being siphoned to fund the campaign of forces friendly to them in this election.

In the light of the recent developments in Europe, there is an urgent need to reorganize the PCGG and appoint its chief and members. Perhaps Yorac could be persuaded to leave the PPCRV to volunteers like retired Comelec Commissioner Tessie Dyliaco Flores, another lady of caliber, so she can already mobilize the PCGG to continue the quest for the Marcos wealth.

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The fascinating report about the mind-boggling Araneta fortune ought to be looked into as well as Imelda Marcos' boast (remember?) that the government has not laid its hand on her $800-million assets abroad. In his recent book on the Marcos plunder, PCGG's first chair, Jovy Salonga, wrote that in the first month after the Marcoses fled to Hawaii in February 1986, and before a freeze order on their assets worldwide was issued in late March of that year, many Marcos deposits were left undetected in the government's recovery effort. The only deposit the government was able to recover due to the freeze was the $650 million now being held in escrow in a local bank. Recall, too, that Bongbong Marcos went to Switzerland in 1994. The talk is that up to now, the Marcoses are trying to recover certain deposits that were hurriedly put in the name of various people when the regime fell, including some Swiss lawyers they thought they could trust.

GMA's 'Day with Women'

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

WOMEN'S Month ushered in a flurry of activities on the "*ka-womenan*" front, foremost of which of course was the official celebration of International Women's Day at the Ultra in Pasig. The gathering of women, most of them government employees, was preceded by a breakfast/dialogue with President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and representatives of women's groups. Initially, the number of participants in the dialogue was to be kept to a minimum so that a "meaningful" exchange of ideas and positions could be achieved. But as the preparations mounted, the list of participants grew in proportion, so that in the end, as some of those present revealed, no exchanges beyond pleasantries really took place.

After delivering her message to the women gathered at the Ultra, the President proceeded to visit project sites that, as the Malacañang staff intimated earlier, were supposed to project women's issues and how women themselves had been empowered to address these issues. Abanse! Pinay and other women's groups had recommended visits to the following projects: a para-legal training program for urban poor women as a component of a community-based approach to violence against women; the Sagip Center for Abused Women and Children in Muntinlupa, which was established through government and NGO collaboration; and a candle shop managed and operated by former entertainers who had worked in Japan.

What Malacañang chose for the President to visit though were the Women's Correctional, a center managed by the Department of Social Welfare and Development for psychologically troubled women, and a garbage recycling project in Smokey Mountain.

To her credit, President Macapagal said she wanted to devote all of March 8 to women. Unfortunately, the enduring image in the media of that day was not of the President bonding with her sisters, but of her being jeered and turned away by pro-Erap residents of Smokey Mountain. It seems incredible to me that the organizers of the visit to Smokey Mountain didn't even bother to prepare the community to receive the President, or take the pulse of the community before inviting her. And because of that oversight, what was meant to be a day full of symbols and advocacy for women turned out to be a public relations disaster of the first order.

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NOT to be deterred by fire at its original venue, the Second Asia Pacific Business Convention and Exhibition on Globalization and Transformative Leadership is taking place from March 19-20.

Theme of the convention is "Men and Women in Business: Partners in the New Economy."

Apart from discussions on such issues as globalization, human resource management and even "reengineering the businesswoman," the convention features a dialogue among women in business and women in politics, as well as a trade and consumer exhibition that highlights products made by women or by firms owned or managed by women throughout the Asia and Pacific region.

Sponsors of this significant regional activity are the United Nations Fund for Women, the Center for Asia Pacific Women in Politics, the Confederation of Women's Business Councils—Apec and the Women's Business Council Philippines, headed by the very able Isabelita "Sabsy" Palanca.

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ON ANOTHER front, but along the same lines, women leaders in government and civil society are invited to take part in a two-day seminar-workshop on "Gender Balance in Political Representation." The event also marks the launching of the "50-50 by 2005: Get the Balance Right!" campaign in the Asia and Pacific region. This global campaign, spearheaded by the Women's Environment and Development Organization, aims to hold governments accountable to commitments made in the UN to "promote gender balance…in decision-making positions."

During the two-day seminar, to be held from March 21-22 at the AIM Conference Center, women leaders are expected to discuss and assert the importance of gender balance in political representation and define their role in it; and to share strategies in overcoming obstacles to women's full and equal participation in politics.

Considering that we are now in the thick of an electoral campaign, with women playing prominent roles, especially as candidates with all sorts of mixed-up agenda and appeals for the women's vote, this seminar certainly promises to be intriguing, at least. No better time to discuss the answers to the oft-raised questions: Why women? What politics?

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SPECIAL OFFER. In observance of Women's Month, the Friendly5ECare main clinic along Shaw Boulevard is offering a "Career Woman Special." This promotional package includes consultation, reproductive health counseling and basic check-up including X-ray, urinalysis, breast examination and pap smear for only P250, with a 10-percent discount on all medicines and vitamins purchased at BestCare pharmacy provided these are products of Unilab. Why not celebrate Women's Month at FriendlyCare with your *barkada* and make a healthy outing of it?

Families are also urged to take advantage of the Pamilya Special, where, for only P280, a family of four can avail of a consultation, including family planning counseling, with a 10-percent discount on Unilab products at BestCare Pharmacy. Bigger families need only pay P70 per additional member if they want to ensure good health for the entire family.

The Shaw facility is also opening on March 17, Saturday the FriendlyCare Teen Center, where young people can gather to discuss issues related to living a healthy lifestyle, exercising responsible sexuality and relating to other young people in fun and friendship. The opening ceremonies will be capped by a youth concert.

TB back with a vengeance

HUMAN FACE

Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

I CAUGHT the tail end of the four-day regional conference of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and other Lung Diseases (IUATLD) last week at the Edsa Shangri-La and it was disconcerting to find out that the huge gathering did not seem interested in the media. Or maybe it was the other way around. But I was interested.

I went on the last day and found myself going through a Skinnerian maze of sleek booths put up by giant drug firms. Many booths were sidewalk cafés in disguise. Café society was thriving in the corridors outside while a scourge of modern civilization was being dissected inside the huge hall. I couldn't help thinking that in this modern age, the ancient nasty bacterium thrives and is alive and well. As the chest physicians themselves stressed: tuberculosis is back with a vengeance.

I listened to a TB expert's screen presentation on multi-drug resistant TB and there, in the semi-darkness, I could not help remembering my visit to the Teachers' Pavilion of the Quezon Institute where public school teachers afflicted with tuberculosis were confined. I specially remembered one of those I wrote about. She was skin and bones and quite young. How had this teacher come to this? I could not help asking then.

But who said that tuberculosis afflicts only the poor in god-forsaken remote places? I went over the dozens of abstracts of studies on the disease available at the conference and learned that urban areas are greatly infected and (you might not want to know this) airplanes on long flights are some of the places where one is likely to pick up the TB critter. There were lots of interesting facts for lay people that I could pick up but the medical jargon got in the way.

Here's one that stuck: DOTS or directly observed therapy. The reading materials were crawling with DOTS. Another one is MDR TB or multi-drug resistant TB. I listened to a lecturer show how drugs don't work in some cases and lung surgery is the only recourse.

The regional conference was hosted by the Philippine Tuberculosis Society headed by Nini Quezon-Avanceña (who turned over the IUATLD-ER chair to Nepal, the host in 2003) and the Philippine College of Chest Physicians headed by Dr. Myrna N. Bañares. More than 500 health practitioners attended.

Here are some alarming facts and figures from their Manila Manifesto:

- TB afflicts 7 to 8 million people who are mostly in the productive age group. Every year it kills about 2 million, including children.
- TB remains a global disease. Ninety percent of all cases are in low-income countries and over 95 percent of TB-related deaths are in these areas.
- Out of the 22 countries that bear 80 percent of the incident burden of TB worldwide, 10 are in the Eastern Region (where we are).
- The incidence of multi-drug resistant TB strains is increasing at an alarming rate and this threatens to overwhelm current TB control programs.

Tuberculosis, the manifesto stressed, is closely linked to poor domestic environment and living conditions, especially in urban areas. The good news is that TB control programs have been proven to be among the most cost-effective in health care interventions. DOTS is "the internationally accepted National TB Control Strategy" that could prevent drug resistance, that is, if it is properly implemented. Therefore collaboration between the government and the private sectors in fighting TB and in advocacy is important.

The World Health Organization has developed a four-pronged strategy that would help reduce the huge cost of TB control. First, the scope of interest in TB should be widened. TB ought to be portrayed as a poverty issue and, as such, a human rights issue, and therefore a major political issue.

Second, sound the alarm. The WHO would like to maximize the use of information technology in showing TB as a global problem that needs attention. The third is the DOTS weapon. The fourth is developing partnerships. This means locating interested groups.

One of the topics tackled at the conference was tobacco control. Dr. Harley Stanton of the Tobacco-Free Initiative of the WHO started with the observation that doctors who are considered guardians of health are increasingly getting hooked on tobacco. His terse warning: "Doctors who smoke like others will die like others."

Smoking, he observed, has reached epidemic proportions in Asia-Pacific where the tobacco giants have moved their target because of controls in rich countries. The cigarette industry knows the addictive effects of their products and so it has embarked on projects that would push their merchandise. There is Project Whitecoat which tries to recruit scientists whose views are favorable to the industry. There is Project Kestrel that would work at products aimed at the youth. The ad industry is not nicotine-free. More and more it entices the young and the women to light up.

"Lily," that tubercular teacher at the QI, was not a smoker but her lungs were about to give out. She was assigned to a hardship post in Abra. She had to climb five mountains and cross several rivers to get there. Lily went home to her family only once a month. Every time she returned to the village school she would carry on her back food supplies—*bagoong*, salt, rice, instant noodles, dried fish. *Ti-TB-hin ka talaga.*

During those first years, there were only two of them there. Lily and her co-teacher would hike together, sometimes shedding tears along the way, or singing, until they had sung all the songs they knew.

Public school teachers are among the most badly treated. They get their pay late, they can't strike, they can't get their amelioration pay without a fight. They deserve a TB pavilion at the QI. Many end up there. Multi-drug therapy and DOTS are great but treating teachers well also prevents TB. March 24 is World TB Day.

Dropping law and politics

YOUNGBLOOD

Crisalyn A. Ramos

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and-below.—Ed.

IN MY younger years whenever I was asked what I wanted to be when I grew up, I would respond with a big smile: "I want to be a lawyer-politician." Then I would leave in a hurry, leading some people to think I was *suplada*. They didn't know that I was avoiding any follow-up questions about why I wanted to be a lawyer since I would have been forced to admit, "My mom told me so."

Politics runs in our blood. My relatives on mother's side were politicians. They held various electoral positions in the past. My mom wanted to be one of them but never had the chance, and that became a source of frustration. So she tried to shape me into a politician. But first I must study law, she said. That would give me an edge.

My mom's plan sounded very good to me, so I started to prepare myself for a career in politics. I discussed political events with my dad and read the newspapers with him. When I was 7, I woke up early one morning to join my dad, mom and our neighbors in a discussion about the implications of Ninoy Aquino' s assassination.

With all their encouragement, I started to breathe and act like a politician. I listed the positions I wanted to hold and planned how I would win them. I could hardly wait to finish my studies so that I could start my political career.

At 13, when people asked me why I wanted to be a lawyer, I no longer ran away but proudly replied: "I want to be the first woman mayor of Binmaley, Pangasinan." In other words, my political plans were laid out even before I graduated from high school.

The quest to be the first woman mayor of my hometown served as an inspiration when I found the going hard in school. I had to prepare myself. I read newspapers every day. I practiced how to write speeches and talk in front of people. I read the Constitution. I strove to get high grades. I got involved in community service and ran for several positions in our school's Supreme Student Council.

When I was admitted to the University of the Philippines, I knew I was on the right track. I entered college with idealism and told myself that one day I would be a famous and well-respected politician.

My college routine consisted of attending classes, going to the library and then going home. I needed to get good grades so that I could graduate with honors. Most politicians graduated from prestigious schools with honors.

I joined a confraternity to develop my organizational skills. Through this confraternity, I also met a lot of important people in Pangasinan.

After three years of college, I knew things were falling into their proper places. I was on my way to getting a degree from the state university. I knew some key people. I had an organization to be proud of. And above all, I was a candidate for cum laude. The only thing missing was a law degree.

But first I had to do my thesis. I wanted to meet female politicians in my province and so the title of my thesis was "Pangasinan Women in Electoral Politics."

My interviews with a lady board member and a lady mayor in Pangasinan filled me with excitement. The timing was perfect because that same year local elections were scheduled to be held. It was also the first elections when I exercised the right of suffrage.

I got involved in the campaign so that I could write more about women's participation in politics, not only as candidates but also as campaigners and propagandists. I volunteered to help in the campaign of a lady candidate who was also a relative. I came equipped with a camera, pen and writing pad. Little that I know that the experience would change my plans completely..

The campaign was exhausting. I didn't mind all the heat and the dust and told myself everything was part of my preparations for a political career. I wasn't there merely as an observer so that I could gather materials for my thesis, I was also there to gain some practical experience in politics.

Then came the elections. The day I had eagerly looked forward to became one of the worst days of my life. I saw with own eyes vote-buying, betrayal and self-promotion at its worst. I witnessed how the candidates gave no regard for the party or their party mates. All that mattered to them was winning. I saw voters being paid and voting for the highest bidder.

When the results were in, the most qualified candidates had lost but the rich ones had won. I looked at the results of the elections elsewhere and saw actors and actresses, who didn't even have degrees, winning over qualified individuals.

It was a reality I didn't learn in 14 years of studies. Sure I had read about vote-buying and other forms of electoral fraud but I was so idealistic that I thought deserving candidates would prevail over all that. And I was wrong.

I also faced another fact of life: I may be intelligent but I am not rich. I can't convince people to vote for me on the basis of my qualifications, they need money in their hands to remember my name. Sure, I can always use my pretty face to catch attention, but I prefer to be elected on the basis of my qualifications. I can also try to entertain the voters to win their votes, but I cannot sing or act.

I finished my thesis and got a very high grade for it. I graduated from the country's premier university with honors. I have a political network and a background I can be proud of. But are these enough to assure me of some success in politics?

Then, I read about people killed for being good and people resigning from their posts because they couldn't stomach the corruption going on in government. That gave me pause and I wondered: Is this what I wanted to be?

I blamed myself for being so naïve and idealistic as to thinking that I could change the world and make it a better place for everyone. But I wasn't God. I was only human, an ambitious student who wanted to be in politics and serve the people.

I began to have second thoughts about going to law school. All my political ambitions slowly diminished. Once, I sat alone at the back of our house, thinking what I should do with my life. I was lost. I took a vacation for some months to find new directions for myself.

My next steps were painful, not only for myself but also for my parents. I dropped my plan to take up law and got myself a job. My employment in a bank helped take my mind off politics.

Subsequent events happened fast and beyond my control. After the marketing job in the bank, I was tasked to do product support then system support. Before I realized it, I was already doing database applications and other computer stuff.

Three years after graduation, I decided to forget about politics and pursue a career in information technology. It took a lot of effort to learn programming languages. I saw the opportunity of programming Web applications. I pursued it and I wasn't disappointed.

My decision to give up politics was made two years ago. Looking back, I know it was the best decision I have ever made. Now I have a better direction. I have explored other things and saw my potentials. The compensation I am getting is higher than the average for people my age. Most of all, I am enjoying my work and appreciating my existence here on earth.

I am now working with great people, discussing what the technology can do for us and solving real problems and coming up with solutions that work. I no longer think that I can change the world of politics but I can contribute in making changes through technology.

At one point, I realized that if I pursued my political ambition, I could end up as a traditional politician. We have enough of them; I don't want to be one of them.

Although I know I have hurt my parent's feelings by dropping my plan to take up law immediately, I don't have any regrets. Where I am now is better than where I would have been had I pursued a political career.

I have not completely abandoned the idea of studying law. But I will take it up not as a preparation for a political career but for self-fulfillment. I hope to practice Internet Law, Cyber Law or E-commerce Law and be one of the first few programmer-lawyers.

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Try them, too

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

I ONCE suggested in a column that it was vital that we went on to prosecute Erap for pillage for several reasons. Among them was,that it would not only prevent future presidents from plundering at this scale but that it would prevent past presidents from escaping with their loot. Specifically, it would breathe new life into the effort to recover the Marcoses' ill-gotten wealth.

The Marcoses themselves must have glimpsed these implications on their own. The prosecution of Erap naturally impacts on them. If Erap can be prosecuted for stealing billions of pesos, they can be prosecuted for stealing billions of dollars. Or more seriously for them, a renewed effort could be made to locate and bring back the money and assets they stashed abroad.

It was that threat that probably sent Irene Marcos-Araneta scrambling to Germany last February to try to transfer her $13.2-billion account from a bank in Switzerland to Deutsche Bank in Dusseldorf. While the rest of the world was celebrating Valentine's Day, she was busy mounting a massacre, or a process that would launder the money they stole from their countrymen and make it theirs forever. Unhappily for them—and thankfully for us—they engaged the services of an American businessman who in turn engaged the services of Reiner Jacobi, the Australian investigator who has always told of the fabled wealth they were keeping in various vaults around the world but whom no one would believe. Jacobi it was who exposed the scam. It's enough to make you believe God is not sleeping. Or as Jacobi himself puts it in more worldly terms: "I could ,not believe the stupidity of these people. They were totally blind. But greed blinds you."

If the report is true—and there are the documents to prove so, including Irene Marcos-Araneta's signature on them, as damning a piece of evidence as you can find—then we have more than enough to indict the Marcoses. If the report is true, too, then the adjective in "fabled wealth" is not an exaggeration at all. It's the kind of wealth you read only in fables, like "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves." I don't know if the Marcoses number 40, but their appetites certainly exceed it. And if Jacobi's previous assertions are to be believed, we are just looking at the tip of the iceberg. It's believable: At interest rates over the past years, the original sums Marcos stole should now rival the treasure at Cave Sesame.

It's time we haled the Marcoses to court and tried them along with Erap. At the very least, it should give a sense of proportion to the effort to make Erap pay for his sins. That effort will always look skewed when put side by side with the pillage the Marcoses wreaked. The Marcoses' crimes are so much bigger, in the crookedness department alone. We do not prosecute them now, and it will really look as though we were singling Erap out, or picking on him. We do not prosecute them now, and Erap's prosecution will really look like persecution. There has to be a universal principle here, which is that all crooks should be tried and sentenced. The bigger the crook, the harsher the punishment.

There's another more compelling reason for haling the Marcoses to court now. Which is that it should pay to do so while the lessons of the impeachment trial are still fresh in the public mind, its most dazzling one being that the law can also be used for lawful ends. The impeachment trial, as I've said in previous columns, was a victory for law and lawyers. For the first time probably since Independence, the prosecution showed that the law could be used to ferret out wrongdoing and punish wrongdoers. For the first time, probably ever, Hilario Davide Jr. and 10 senators showed that a court of law could be used to seek redress and find justice.

That hadn't happened before, thanks in no small way to Ferdinand Marcos who, more than any leader in the past, conscripted the law for the most lawless ends. It would be sublime irony to finally be able to use the law, which the Marcoses have used so far to beat the rap, to make them pay for their crimes. It would be poetic justice to finally be able to use the law, which they've used to block justice, to reclaim the nation's patrimony and bequeath it to the people they oppressed.

I would suggest one more thing, which is that the trial of the Marcoses be made as public as the impeachment trial of Erap. It should prove to be an equally monumental education for the public, in civics and politics, in history and governance, in ethics and morality. It's an enterprise that should draw the best and brightest in the legal profession, a profession that has recovered a great deal of the luster it lost over the years. No great thanks to Rene Saguisag.

The challenge of course would be to give a face to the pillage the Marcoses wreaked in the same way that the impeachment trial gave a face to the pillage Erap wreaked. That is not as easy as it looks. Unlike Erap, Marcos did not use an alias in signing checks, did not extort money from *jueteng* operators, did not act overtly like a crime lord—though he most certainly did so covertly. He did things with more finesse. The concept of "ill-gotten wealth" is a fairly abstract one for the public, little improved by an abundance of ledgers full of numbers. But I will leave it to the prosecutors to rise to the challenge of simplifying this or concretizing this with dazzling displays of wit and creativity. I myself can only reckon the meaning of $13.2 billion—roughly P650 billion—in terms of education, which I value more than anything else. In terms of the hundreds of thousands of schoolrooms, textbooks and high school graduates that have been lost to us by its theft.

That's a lot of shoes for Imelda's feet.

Sept. 11 or Sept. 21 should be a good date to target for the end of the trial. The first, as the older generation will recall, was Ferdinand Marcos' birthday. The second, as the younger generation should know, was the official date of the declaration of martial law. Marcos used to make this country celebrate it as "Thanksgiving Day."

It would be good if that date should finally give us something to thank God for.

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Water firm changing contract terms

LETTERS

ACCORDING to news reports, the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System administrators and the Maynilad Water Services Inc. have already approved in principle Maynilad's petition for an automatic currency exchange rate adjustment (Auto Cera).

The Freedom from Debt Coalition cautions the MWSS Board of Trustees from pushing through with its formal approval of the Maynilad petition. As a government entity, MWSS' mandate comes from the people, hence it should be accountable to the people. Granting the water concessionaires' petition for an automatic Cera would translate to the doubling of water rates that would further burden consumers of this vital public good.

Under the agreement forged by the MWSS and Maynilad in 1997, the water concessionaires must file a petition for an extraordinary price adjustment before the MWSS Regulatory Office if they want to adjust tariff rates as a result of significant (above 2 percent) exchange rate fluctuations. That office then decides whether to grant their petition or not.

Furthermore, the agreement says they can collect from consumers the additional costs resulting from exchange rate movements over the remaining life of the concession. This is the process that the petition should go through.

But Maynilad has found a way to circumvent the process. Instead of working within the parameters of the contact, Maynilad now wants to have the terms of the contract changed. It wants to recover the costs automatically without having to apply for an extraordinary price adjustment. And it wants to recover the costs within one or two years instead of over the remaining life of the concession.

Worse, it is MWSS Chief Regulator Rex Tantiongco himself who is paving the way for the revision of Maynilad's contract. The chief regulator even agreed to head the task force set up by the MWSS board to draw up the automatic Cera formula. He sees no conflict of interest between his role as chief regulator to preserve the integrity of the privatization agreement, and the task of facilitating the amendment to the agreement. He is working hard to protect the interest of the concessionaires.

Tantiongco and Maynilad's unjustifiable excuse for the imposition of an automatic Cera is that Maynilad needs to recover its losses so it can improve its operations. By using this argument, Maynilad is virtually blackmailing the MWSS administration. It is telling the MWSS: Grant us our petition, or we will not provide quality service.

We call on the MWSS not to succumb to Maynilad's hold-up tactics. At the very least, the MWSS should conduct an independent diagnosis of the situation and make its own counterproposal to Maynilad. If their terms are unacceptable to Maynilad, then the MWSS can start looking for qualified operators in case Maynilad chooses to carry out its threat to walk away from its contractual obligation. After all, the concessionary agreement stipulates that the MWSS can hire qualified replacement operators and pay them out of Maynilad's $200-million performance bond.

Maynilad's cash flow problem is serious and needs to be addressed. But the MWSS, primarily through the Regulatory Office, must carefully investigate how this problem came about. In doing so, the concessionaires together with the MWSS will prudently avoid passing on to consumers the full burden of resolving problems that may have resulted partially from the concessionaires' own shortcomings, e.g. mismanagement, failure to meet performance targets, etc.

This experience points out the need for a stronger and independent body to oversee the behavior of private concessionaires. Without an autonomous body composed of individuals of unquestionable integrity, the consumers will remain prey to the vested interests of big business.—**MA. TERESA DIOKNO-PASCUAL, president, Freedom from Debt Coalition, 34 Matiaga St., Central District, Quezon City**

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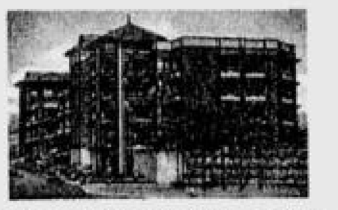

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Liberated women

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MY foreign (and Fil-Am) friends are always amazed when I explain that in the Philippines the adjective "liberated" has pejorative meanings when applied to women. To call a woman "liberated" is to suggest she's promiscuous and easy to get. Unfortunately, terms like "feminism" and "feminist" seem to have similar connotations—in my classes as well as in training workshops and seminars, I often ask how many of the women consider themselves feminists and usually only one or two hands will go up, timidly at that. To be a "feminist," one student explained to me once, is to be "liberated" and that's not good.

That's something to reflect on this women's month. We've have had two women presidents and a long history (or herstory) of women leaders in politics, business, the academe, and yet the Pinoy and Pinay still have reservations about "liberated" women.

I suspect the problem is that we have neglected doing a history of liberated women.

Sure, we have the occasional articles in newspapers, usually during the month of March, with references to Gabriela Silang, Tandang Sora and the mythical Urduja. The problem is that these tend to be eulogies that keep the women in the distant past. We need to bring these heroines back to life, compiling histories that go beyond the individual, describing the times in which the women lived to show what they fought for, and how their struggles continue to be material and relevant to our times.

Let me give an example here. Estefania Aldaba-Lim had a fine article in last Sunday's INQUIRER about the 21 women of Malolos. As she rightly points out, we've always focused on Rizal's "Letter to the Women of Malolos" where he congratulates them for some act of courage, but we know little about who these women were and why they are considered courageous.

For those who missed Aldaba-Lim's article, here's a quick summary of what happened in Malolos in 1889. The 21 women were young Chinese *mestizas* who appealed to their parish priest for permission to put up a night school where they could learn to read and write Spanish, as their brothers did. The parish priest was horrified and lectured them on their proper roles, what we can call the 4 M's: *manganak, magluto, magalaga ng pamilya, magdasal* (bear children, cook, care for the family and pray).

Undeterred, the young women went on to appeal to Bulacan's civil governor, who again turned down their request. Unrelenting, they went on to the newly appointed governor-general from Spain, Valeriano Weyler. Fortunately, Weyler was a liberal and granted the women's request.

The Malolos incident is not just another footnote in history. It highlights another aspect of the Philippine Revolution, that of the struggle against the frailocracy and the stranglehold of the Roman Catholic church. More than a hundred years later, the Spanish friars may have gone but we still have a long way to go dealing with self-styled moral guardians who would keep the Filipina barefoot, ignorant and pregnant.

Women have always been there shaping Philippine history yet they tend to disappear when the history books are written. Even in more contemporary history, we find the women excluded, these exclusions even more glaring when it comes to women from the peasantry and the working class. Such women were very active in the Huk-led anti-Japanese movement and in the peasant revolt of the 1950s. (To give just one example, there was the legendary Commander Dayang-dayang, one of the original "amazons.")

Fast forward to the 1970s and we have the phenomenal women of the First Quarter Storm, who I wrote about last week. That column brought in quite a few letters, including three readers—Candy Yuzon, Maripi Leynes and Pat Fortes—who sought to clarify the origins of Makibaka (Malayang Kilusan ng Bagong Kababaihan). I mentioned Nelia Sancho and Maita Gomez had helped to establish this national democratic women's organization. It turns out that the two, while having made invaluable contributions to the anti-Marcos struggle, were not among the founders of Makibaka.

The founding chair was Ma. Lorena Barros, who eventually took to the hills and was killed in a military encounter. The other founders came from UP and the Philippine College of Commerce (now PUP) as well as from convent schools like St. Paul's, St. Theresa's, Maryknoll, the mixture reflecting the way social ferment affects women of all classes. Makibaka made its debut in 1970 with a picket against a Binibining Pilipinas beauty pageant at the Araneta Coliseum. Towering, literally, among the protesters was Gemma Cruz-Araneta, a former beauty queen herself who was supposed to be a judge but who joined the picketers instead.

Women's liberation in the Philippines badly needs to be documented in books and on film. I should emphasize this should not be limited to women who were politically active. We have many other women whose heroism consisted in challenging the stereotyped 4 M's. We need to document the way women have fought for access to family planning and sex education, the way they lobbied for the passage of the Anti-Rape Law to include marital rape, and their many daily struggles against gender-based discrimination in education and in the workplace. Their numbers are growing and their ranks are found throughout the country—one of these days I will write about one Muslim women's group in Mindanao working to revise anti-women Shar'ia laws.

Imagine again the women of Malolos in 1889—they had to be women with spunk, they had to be liberated women. To understand the importance of having more liberated Pinays, we need to acknowledge how these women have in fact played key roles in liberating the Philippines, many times over.

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GLORIA RECEIVES MORO REBS

'Welcome home, brothers'

TAMPARAN, Lanao del Sur—"Welcome home, brothers. The war is over," President Macapagal-Arroyo said as she led 931 surrendered Moro Islamic Liberation Front members in reciting an oath of allegiance to the republic in this Lanao del Sur farming town.

Ms Macapagal traveled to Mindanao yesterday to receive the surrendered Moro rebels, visit refugees displaced by decades of Moro separatist insurrection and preside at the return of ancestral lands to a group of Manobo tribespeople.

"Mindanao will be a better place to live in under my administration," the President told a cheering crowd of 5,000.

She said the war had only brought misery and poverty to Lanao del Sur and other provinces.

Ms Macapagal arrived here yesterday morning, on the first leg of a three-town Mindanao sortie, to include this small Muslim-dominated town; Parang in Maguindanao province; and Quezon in Bukidnon where she met members of the Manobo tribe whose ancestral lands were returned to them yesterday.

As in previous Mindanao sorties, Ms Macapagal endorsed the senatorial candidates of the People Power Coalition.

"Don't forget their names come election time. If you have forgotten the names, just get the list from (ARMM) Gov. (Nur) Misuari," she said.

The rebels, many in fatigues, turned over about 300 weapons, including grenade launchers, during the brief but heavily secured ceremony.

"Welcome home. It's been a long time we've not had unity," Ms Macapagal told the surrendered rebels lined up before her outside the town hall.

She appealed to other members of the MILF to give up arms or support planned peace talks with the government.

Last month, Ms Macapagal declared a unilateral ceasefire with the MILF.

National Security Adviser Roilo Golez said the chance of a peace agreement with the MILF was "great."

"We are only waiting for the MILF to form their negotiating panel to start the peace talks," he said.

Maj. Gen. Roy Cimamtu, commanding general of the Army's 4th Infantry Division, said the suspension of military operations agains the MILF ordered by the President last Feb. 20, appeared to be holding in the two Lanao provinces. There have been no attacks against military and government installations since, he said.

Ms Macapagal assured Nur Misuari, governor of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, her government was committed to implementing the 1996 peace agreement with the Moro National Liberation Front even as it "(opens) a new chapter in the peace process by our dialogue with the MILF."

Misuari, who chairs the MNLF, was last Tuesday appointed ambassador to the Organization of Islamic Conference.

In Parang, Maguindanao, the President urged thousands of refugees to return to their villages "so we can go full swing in our rehabilitation."

"Unless we as a people come to terms with Mindanao we will never attain our full promise as a nation," she told about 1,000 people assembled at Camp SK Pendatun's social hall. *Froilan Gallardo, Violeta M. Gloria and Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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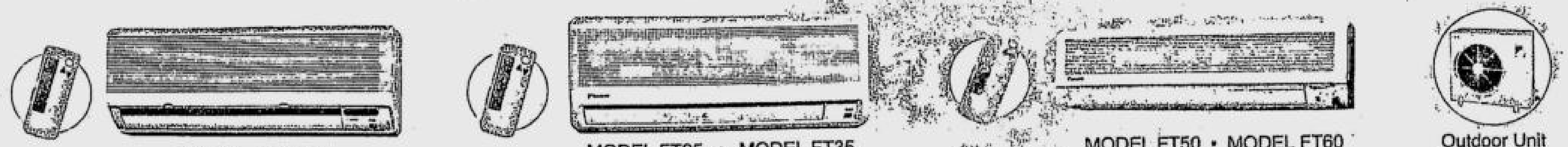

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Foot-and-mouth becomes global

PARIS—Foot-and-mouth disease has now spread to mainland Europe and Argentina, officials confirmed Tuesday, prompting countries, including the United States, to impose bans on meat and livestock imports.

The first confirmation that the contagion—not harmful to humans but economically devastating for farmers—had spread outside Britain and Northern Ireland came from France, where the agriculture ministry reported six cows in the west of the country had been afflicted despite a nationwide culls of at-risk animals.

French Agriculture Minister Jean Glavany warned in a radio interview: "I fear there could be more cases, but we are doing all we can to make sure (the outbreak) is as limited as possible."

The European Commission and non-EU countries including Norway, Switzerland and Poland immediately announced temporary bans on French meat and livestock.

But the United States and Canada took tougher lines.

The US Department of Agriculture said it now was banning meat and livestock imports from all 15 members of the European Union, a restriction that had up to now only applied to Britain, while Ottawa went even further, banning all livestock and agricultural imports from EU states.

That caused consternation at the European Commission, where a spokesperson for health and consumer affairs Commissioner David Byrne said "we must make a studied assessment of the decisions."

A spokesperson for the European Commission mission in Washington, Gerry Kiely, said Europe had been "surprised" by the US move.

"We have not been informed," he said, adding: "We have a veterinary agreement saying that there should be prior notification and prior consultation."

The US decision alone, which also covers dairy products, would affect roughly $1.5-billion worth of annual EU exports, according to Kiely.

Then came confirmation from Argentina's National Food Safety and Quality Service that a case of foot and mouth had been discovered near Buenos Aires.

The news, which came just as Argentina was on a marketing blitz to sell its meat to panicked European consumers, was also met with import bans from the United States.

All this developed as it became clear that Britain—the source of the European outbreak of foot-and-mouth—had still not brought the illness under control. *AFP*

A DESTROYED cow is lifted by a digger into a trench at New Hall Farm in Allhallows, Kent, in England to be incinerated after foot-and-mouth disease was discovered in the area. REUTERS

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Diet votes down censure of Mori

TOKYO—Japan's Parliament voted down a censure motion against unpopular Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori on Wednesday, the latest attack on Mori's wobbly Cabinet by the major opposition parties.

The non-binding motion, which called for Mori's immediate resignation, was put to a vote in a plenary session of the bicameral Parliament's upper house. From the start, it had no chance of passing because Mori's ruling three-party coalition has a majority of seats.

The censure was defeated with 138 against it, to 105 for it, said Hitoshi Toda, a parliamentary spokesperson.

Mori, whose public approval ratings have plunged to below 10 percent, has been dogged by scandals and gaffes since assuming office in April. He was selected by ruling party leaders to replace Keizo Obuchi, who suffered a fatal stroke in office.

Though Mori is widely expected to resign in the near future, he has vowed to stay on to see the passage of this year's budget and to hold summit meetings with US President George W. Bush on March 19 and Russian President Vladimir Putin on March 25.

Opposition parties, however, say his lame duck status has created a political vacuum and are demanding he step down immediately. They have submitted two no-confidence motions against him in the last five months, and a censure motion shortly after he assumed office.

According to reports Wednesday, many ruling Liberal Democratic Party members expect a party presidential election to be held in April, but some members of a powerful faction within the party want to hold it in May or later, allowing time to focus on drafting economic measures.

Many party members are concerned that unless Mori is replaced soon, his unpopularity could turn voters against the party when Parliamentary elections are held in July.

But the sliding economy is also becoming an increasingly important factor, and the party leadership is under intense pressure to take effective measures to bolster it.

To make matters more complex, no clear successor to Mori has come forward, although one of his closest allies, former health minister Junichiro Koizumi, appears to be gaining ground.

Mori serves as both prime minister and president of the Liberal Democrats because of the party's dominant position in Parliament. *AP*

Head of India party resigns over scandal

NEW DELHI—India's ruling BJP Party was in crisis Tuesday after its president Bangaru Laxman resigned over allegations that he had accepted a $2,170 bribe from journalists posing as defense contractors.

Defense Minister George Fernades also offered to step down as opposition parties called for the resignation of Vajpayee's government.

According to the Press Trust of India (PTI), Fernandes' resignation was turned down by the Indian Cabinet.

The news agency said Bangaru Laxman met Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee and conveyed his decision to step down as party president pending an official inquiry.

"The government is prepared for an inquiry . . . The government is also ready and willing for a thorough debate in parliament on the issue," Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pramod Mahajan told reporters after a Cabinet meeting.

Laxman had earlier told reporters who camped outside his house after the allegations broke that it was "all a concocted story."

"They paid the money saying it was for party funds," he said.

"I have no connections with any defense deals," Laxman later told the Star TV network. "I had only accepted party funds."

Laxman was the seniormost politician implicated in a sting operation run by journalists from news and entertainment portal, tehelka.com and aimed at exposing corruption in defense procurement.

The operation captured senior Army officers on hidden cameras, allegedly taking bribes to facilitate the prospects of a fake company "West End" seeking to sell fictitious hand-held thermal cameras to the Indian military.

The operation also implicated Jaya Jaitley, president of the Samata Party, a key member of Vajpayee's ruling coalition.

Samata is the party of Defense Minister Fernandes.

The allegations raised a storm in both houses of parliament, with the opposition Congress party demanding a government statement.

"This government has no moral right to continue even for a minute if it is not in a position to disprove the facts revealed by tehelka.com," Congress Spokesperson Jaipal Reddy said. *AFP*

US warns of 'serious' offshoot of possible arms sales to Iran

WASHINGTON—The United States on Tuesday stepped up warnings to Russia over possible arms sales to Iran, saying such transactions could have "serious ramifications and damage US-Russian relations.

"It doesn't help bilateral relations," said White House spokesperson Mary Ellen Countryman, responding to Russian President Vladimir Putin's remarks on Monday that Moscow was poised to expand nuclear and weapons cooperation with Tehran.

US President George W. Bush "is concerned about any sales—in particular of missiles—by Russia to Iran, and the US has made those concerns known through the State Department," presidential spokesperson Ari Fleischer added.

At the State Department, spokesperson Richard Boucher said Washington was still not clear about what type of weapons and other sensitive technology Putin was referring to when he said Russia was prepared to help Iran with "defensive weapons."

But, Boucher told reporters that any Russian sale to Iran of advanced conventional weapons, missiles or missile technology would draw a strong US response.

"We don't know what we're dealing with here," Boucher said. "The first important thing is to find out what they mean by 'defensive' weapons, what they intend to sell, and whether they have any contracts.

"Once we find (that) out . . . we'll have a better framework . . . There are certain things which quite clearly would cause serious concern to the United States and serious ramifications, either legal or policy-wise."

Boucher did not elaborate on any steps that Washington might take in that event.

Earlier Tuesday, Russia brushed off US criticism of its plans to boost military and nuclear cooperation with Iran, saying its newly-sealed partnership with Tehran, concluded during a visit to Moscow by Iranian President Mohammad Khatami, posed no threat to other countries.

But Washington fears the new relationship coupled with Putin's adamant defense of Russia's decision to scrap an agreement with the United States barring arms sales to Iran will help Tehran develop nuclear weapons.

The United States regard Iran as a dangerous "rogue state," sponsoring terrorism and violently opposing efforts to forge a comprehensive Middle East peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

But Iranian state radio on Tuesday warned that US criticism would only increase the hostility between Tehran and Washington.

Washington will have another opportunity to lodge its complaint with Moscow when US national security adviser Condoleezza Rice meets with her Russian counterpart, Sergei Ivanov, this week.

The White House has declined to comment on what would be discussed at the meeting but Boucher said he would "expect" the subject to raised.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, who will also meet Sergei Ivanov, brought up Washington's general concerns about weapons proliferation with his Russian counterpart Igor Ivanov at a meeting last month in Cairo, Boucher noted. *AFP*

Europe presses Israel to ease siege of towns

JERUSALEM—European leaders pressured Israel Tuesday to lift a crippling months-old siege on the Palestinian territories, but Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, while easing a blockade on some towns, said Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat must first call a halt to the bloodshed.

"If the economy continues to deteriorate, more people plunge into poverty, the Palestinian administration is undermined, it's going to be more difficult to get back to any political stability, relaunch the (peace) process," EU external affairs commissioner Chris Patten told a press conference.

The EU delegation, including Patten and Swedish Foreign Minister Anna Lindh, whose country currently holds the rotating EU presidency, also raised with Israel its withholding of funds collected by Israel for Arafat's Palestinian Authority.

Palestinian officials accuse Israel of keeping back some $400 million in tax revenues and customs duties, funds they say are needed to pay their cash-strapped bureaucracy.

But Sharon told the EU officials that Arafat must first make a public call for an end to the more than five months of violence that has claimed the lives of more than 430 people, most of them Palestinians killed by Israelis.

"In order to be able to aid the (Palestinian) population, Arafat must call in his own voice for a halt to the terror, a halt to the incitement, preventative actions against terror and a return to security cooperation," he said, according to a statement from his office.

"Giving money to Palestinian forces taking part in terror against Israel is an immoral demand," he said.

"The economic crisis affecting the Palestinian Authority derives from the fact that the Authority chose to activate violence and terror, abandoned negotiations and broke agreements with Israel."

Israel did nonetheless take minor steps on Tuesday by easing a blockade preventing movement to and from several Palestinians towns in the West Bank.

Sharon had come under fire, even from within his own government, over a tightening of the blockade around Ramallah, considered the capital of the West Bank, after Israel said it had information of a planned terror attack.

But the Palestinians said the easing was purely cosmetic and denounced as "cruel and inhumane" the policy of the hardline Sharon, who took office less than a week ago at the head of a right-left government set up to tackle the crisis with the Palestinians.

The closure has devastated the Palestinian economy, with losses estimated by the United Nations at $11 million a day. Thousands of people have been thrown out of work, and one million are living below the poverty line.

The United States also renewed appeals to Israel to ease economic pressure.

"We'll continue to be concerned about the situation as we look to steps that they can take to, as I said, end the violence, break out of the cycle of violence, as well as ease some of the economic plight of the Palestinians who are in dire straits these days," said State Department spokesperson Richard Boucher. *AFP*

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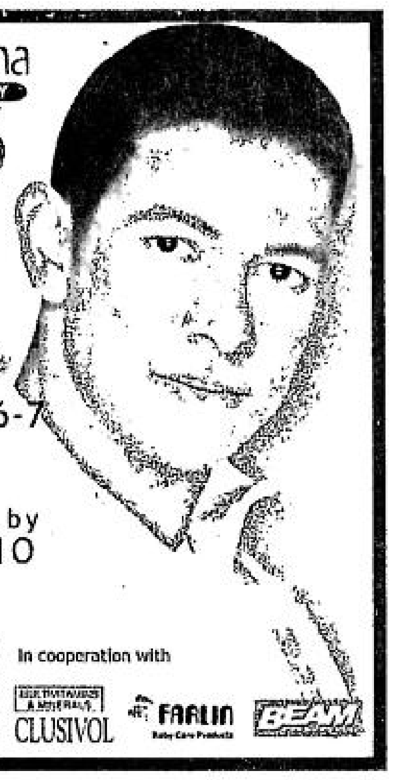

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Controller cleared US jet mistake attack which killed 6, officials say

WASHINGTON—The Navy pilot whose bombs killed six people in a training accident in Kuwait had received the go-ahead from a US forward air controller who then called out "abort, abort" in a belated attempt to wave off the misplaced strike, defense officials said.

The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity Tuesday, said the controller, whose job is to direct a pilot to a ground target, said to the pilot as he approached, "Cleared, hot," which is an unambiguous instruction to release the bombs. Seconds later, apparently realizing a mistake had been made, the controller called, "abort, abort," but it was too late.

It was not clear whether the controller was among those killed.

The US Central Command, which is responsible for American military operations in the Persian Gulf area, appointed a three-star general to lead an investigation.

Rear Adm. Craig Quigley, the chief Pentagon spokesperson, said he did not know in detail the sequence of events that led to the fatal accident Monday evening at the Udairi training range in northern Kuwait.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld expressed sympathy for the families of the victims and pledged to find out how the accident happened. It marked the third calamity for the Navy in recent months. Following the terrorist bombing of the USS Cole that killed 17 sailors in October, the attack submarine USS Greeneville accidentally sank a Japanese fishing boat off Hawaii on Feb. 9, killing nine Japanese.

Quigley said a Navy F/A-18C Hornet, launched from the deck of the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman in the Gulf as part of a multinational exercise dubbed "Desert Spring," dropped two or three 500-pound bombs on an observation post that was used by forward air controllers.

Five Americans at the observation post and one New Zealand Army major were killed, he said. Three other people were seriously injured, one evacuated to a US military hospital in Germany. The other two were in Kuwaiti medical facilities and will be taken to Germany when they are able to travel.

The key question that remained unanswered by the Pentagon Tuesday was why the bombs struck the observation post instead of the intended target. Did the pilot err, or were mistakes made by his ground controllers?

The Pentagon identified the Hornet pilot as Cmdr. David O. Zimmerman, who commands the VFA-37 Hornet squadron aboard the Truman. The squadron is home-based at Oceana Naval Air Station, Virginia.

Asked about the status of Zimmerman, Quigley said: "No one from the air wing flew today. That was across the board. I don't know if his flight status has changed." Zimmerman had flown a daylight and nighttime mission at Udairi three days earlier.

Zimmerman, a native of Orange Park, Florida, has more than 3,000 Navy flying hours.

Quigley said he did not know what sort of target designator was in use at the time of the accident.

AN undated file photo shows a US Navy F/A-18 Hornet patrolling the "no fly zone" over southern Iraq. REUTERS

Officials familiar with such "close air support" missions said Tuesday that normally the forward air controller on the ground would have used an infrared device that the Hornet pilot could spot. The pilot would enter into an on-board computer an "offset"—a measurement for how far from the infrared signal the bomb should land. If the "offset" was not entered into the computer, the bomb would be released at a point that would direct it toward the infrared source—in this case the observation post.

It is possible that the forward air controller was using a laser to designate the target, but officials said they believe this was unlikely.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Jason M. Faley, a tactical air controller with the 19th Air Support Operations Squadron based at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, was identified as one of the dead.

The four other Americans killed were members of the Army. They were identified Tuesday as Staff Sgt. Troy J. Westberg from Eagle Lake, Minnesota, a medical sergeant assigned to the 3rd Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Staff Sgt. Richard N. Boudreau of Florida; Sgt. Phillip M. Freligh of Nevada, and Spc. Jason D. Wildfong of West Virginia. Home towns were not provided except for Westberg's. Boudreau, Freligh and Wildfong were explosive ordnance disposal specialists assigned to the 707th Ordnance Company at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Acting Army Maj. John McNutt, 27, was identified as the New Zealander killed.

Quigley said the accident happened in darkness, with night-vision goggles in use, and weather was not a problem.

The New Zealand government was pressing for answers in the death of McNutt.

"This was a live bomb basically dropped on observers, said Defense Minister Mark Burton. "It shouldn't happen and we all need to know precisely what went wrong."

The US military has operated regularly from airfields and an Army base in Kuwait since the 1991 Gulf War, when a US-led coalition expelled the occupying Iraqi Army from the tiny Persian Gulf nation. The continuing presence of US forces in Kuwait is meant as a deterrent to Iraq. *AP*

Officer in sub collision kept quiet

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii—A senior officer aboard the USS Greeneville said he felt the crew was rushing through a surfacing maneuver, but he never spoke up—in part because he didn't want to question the skipper in front of guests and crew.

Capt. Robert Brandhuber was the first eyewitness of the accident that killed nine people on a Japanese trawler on Feb. 9 to testify at a Navy court of inquiry. He said Tuesday he felt in his gut that the crew was moving quickly as it began preparations to surface.

"It's quick, but not something that a submarine shouldn't be able to execute safely," Brandhuber said, adding that the submarine already had executed difficult maneuvers exceptionally. He, therefore, believed the Greeneville could handle the speedy procedures.

"I was concerned that it might have been going a little bit faster than I would go," Brandhuber said. "If I could change it, I sure as hell would," he added.

Brandhuber, chief of staff for the US Pacific Fleet's submarine force, was the senior officer aboard the Greeneville the day the submarine shot from the ocean and rammed the Ehime Maru. Nine people, including four teenagers on an expedition to learn commercial fishing, were killed.

Three Navy admirals presiding over the court of inquiry questioned Brandhuber at length about what he saw and heard inside the control room that day and why, if he sensed something was wrong, he never expressed his concerns.

Brandhuber said he was standing in the back of the control room when the Greeneville's crew began procedures to go to periscope depth in preparation for the emergency surfacing drill. He said he began to "debate with myself" whether the crew was moving too quickly and whether he should say something. *AP*

Police, protesters clash; Indonesia stock market falls

JAKARTA—Supporters and opponents of Indonesia's embattled president staged rival protests for a second day Tuesday, and police fired tear gas and beat students who threw rocks and gasoline bombs in the capital.

Clashes erupted outside the office of a political party that wants to oust President Abdurrahman Wahid, who is struggling to stay in power in the face of a series of crises and scandals.

Many lawmakers want to impeach Wahid. The political turmoil has sent the stock market into sharp fall and the central bank has been forced to intervene repeatedly to prop up the battered currency.

"Our nation is falling apart economically and security-wise," said Amien Rais, the chair of Indonesia's top legislative body and one of Wahid's harshest critics.

Wahid canceled all official appointments on Tuesday. Aides said he was resting, but denied that the 61-year-old leader, who is almost blind and has suffered several strokes, had been physically taxed by the ongoing threat to his 17-month-old presidency.

Violence broke out at the Jakarta headquarters of the Golkar Party, the former ruling political organization of ex-dictator Suharto, who was ousted by student protests and riots in 1998. Golkar is one of several groups campaigning for Wahid's removal.

Some police officers charged the crowd on motorcycles and ran over protesters who lit bonfires, and at least five badly beaten protesters were arrested in the melee. Police officers assaulted and threatened reporters and media crews covering the clash.

Earlier, about 1,500 demonstrators gathered outside the presidential palace carrying banners pledging their allegiance to Wahid. In Monday, about 12,000 protesters rallied at the same spot and demanded that he resign.

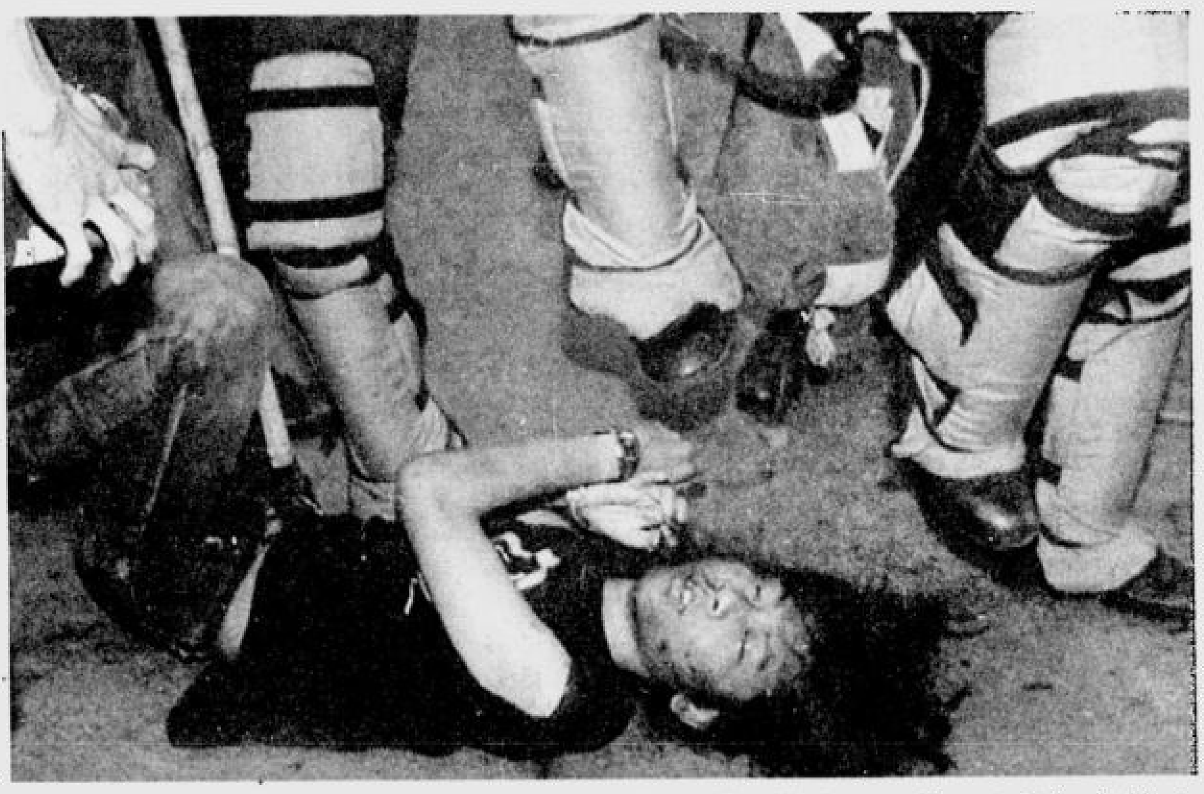
Pressure against Wahid has risen since he chose to remain on an overseas trip amid bloodshed late last month on the island of Borneo, where more than 450 migrant settlers were slaughtered by indigenous Dayak tribesmen.

Wahid came to power in October 1999 as Indonesia's first freely elected leader in 44 years, but high hopes that he would deliver democratic and economic reforms for the troubled nation have fizzled.

Last month, parliament took the first step a possible impeachment, censuring Wahid for alleged involvement in two multimillion-dollar corruption scandals. The president has denied any wrongdoing.

In an ominous sign, a top Army general was quoted by local media on Tuesday as saying that the military might move in if the police force is overwhelmed by the growing turmoil in the country.

"Our concern is the nation's interest," Army chief of staff Gen. Endriartono Sutarto was quoted as saying. "The armed forces must save this nation." *AP*



INDONESIAN policemen kick a protester during clashes outside an office of the former ruling party Golkar in Jakarta March 13. Indonesian police fired tear gas shells after protesters hurled Molotov cocktails at them. REUTERS

Children bear brunt of crisis

JAKARTA—Four years after the outbreak of the financial crisis that ravaged Indonesia's economy, millions of children are still suffering from its effects, a Unicef report said Wednesday.

The proportion of severely malnourished children in Indonesia shot up to 8 percent since the 1997 Asian crisis. This means that of Indonesia's 23 million children under five years of age, some 1.8 million are severely malnourished, the report said.

"A crisis that erupted within the financial sector has thus had severe social consequences," it said. "Unless there is a major effort to protect social spending, Indonesia's children will be paying for the folly of bankers for years to come," it said.

Indonesia's economy shrank by 14 percent in 1998, at the height of the financial meltdown. The following year it recorded no growth and expanded by 4.8 percent in 2000.

The crisis negatively affected government spending on health, contributing to a decline of the quality of treatment in public clinics.

The government's education budget also was slashed by 40 percent since the crisis. The result has been a drop in the quality of education as teachers have scrambled to make up the loss in earnings by taking up other jobs.

During a period of economic expansion from 1967-1997, infant mortality in Indonesia fell from 124 to 47 deaths per thousand births. However, the country still lags far behind neighbors such as Thailand or Malaysia, the document said.

Indonesia's past achievements in alleviating poverty and improving social services are being jeopardized by "the cascade of crises—climatic and financial, social and political—that have swept the country since mid-1997," it said. *AP*

AIDS victims in US living longer

CHICAGO—The life expectancy of AIDS sufferers in the United States increased dramatically during the 1980s and '90s, according to a report released Tuesday underlining the success of a decade of improving drug treatments.

The study found that people with the potentially fatal disease improved their life expectancy every year from 1984 to 1997, with the biggest gains coming after 1995, when protease inhibitors were added to the standard drug treatment program to create the so-called cocktail of antiretroviral drugs.

"People who get AIDS are surviving longer," confirmed Lisa Lee, an epidemiologist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

According to Lee's study, the average life expectancy for those suffering from an AIDS-related illness increased fourfold in the decade before 1995—from 11 months in 1984 to 46 months in 1995.

After that, the CDC researchers were unable to calculate average life expectancies because of the declining death rates. Instead, they calculated the percentage of AIDS sufferers reaching the two-year milestone after diagnosis.

Those figures, too, were up sharply: 90 percent of people diagnosed with early-stage AIDS in 1997 were likely to make it past the 24-month mark, compared with 67 percent of people diagnosed in 1993. *AFP*

'Miracle baby' beat the odds every step of the way

EDMONTON, Alberta—Toddler Erika Nordby cries and resists when the doctor tries to unwrap her bandaged fingers.

Erika's hands are still crusted and red from frostbite. But when a nurse puts cream on them to stop the itching, Erika smiles.

"Peek-a-boo, goes the nurse. Erika responds briefly, then begins agitating again to get out of her hospital crib. The bandages on her legs hold her back.

"She just becomes cranky at times and you know why," said plastic surgeon Dr. Garry Lobay. "She has been through a lot."

It's why the brown-eyed 13-month-old girl is known as the miracle baby.

Late last month, Erika wandered into the frigid night and ended up frozen in the snow, her heart stopped.

But although she may lose toes or part of her left foot, she seems otherwise relatively unscathed.

"Whether you call that an inner drive to live, whether you call that an angel on the shoulder—everyone has their own beliefs," Dr. Allan de Caen said.

Perhaps Erika was due for some good luck. She is one of five children, by four different fathers, of Leyla Nordby, a single mother on welfare who is pregnant again. Erika's father is in jail for robbery and has never seen his daughter.

Leyla Nordby has only once spoken publicly about Erika's ordeal. She fears publicity would hurt a custody battle with an ex-boyfriend over two of her sons. She stays with her father in Edmonton, visiting Erika in the hospital daily.

Since the story broke, the Canadian media have picked through Leyla Nordby's life—her first childbirth at age 13, the four fathers, the custody battle. She now has a public relations specialist, Lisa Miller, to deal with reporters. Miller says she's doing it for free for a lawyer friend who is setting up a trust fund for Erika.

Erika's brush with death happened in Bergman, a lower-middle class neighborhood well away from the skyscrapers of the Alberta capital, which is prospering from the oil industry and boasts the world's largest shopping mall.

According to the mother, she took Erika and her 2-year-old sister to a friend's house, where all three went to sleep in the same bed on a Friday night. At some point, she says, Erika got up and wandered out of an unsecured back door into a small snowy yard. She ended up face down about 7.62 meters away from the door.

Nordby says she woke up and noticed Erika was gone. She ran through the bungalow screaming, then found her baby outside, stiff and unconscious. The temperature on the northern prairies that winter night was -17.22 Celsius. Nordby called for emergency medical help just before 3:45 a.m. on Feb. 24.

"She was stiff in my arms," Nordby told reporters a few days later in her lone public comments to date. "I wrapped her in a big, pink blanket, and I just rocked her and screamed."

Emergency medical technicians Tammy Hills and Jason Visscher arrived first, followed quickly by paramedics Krista Rempel and Justin Mazzolini. They put Erika on the kitchen table and tried resuscitating her. Then they tried restoring her heartbeat by injecting medication.

Her jaw muscles were frozen, so a breathing tube couldn't be inserted into her trachea. No one knew how long she'd been outside.

"I wanted to believe that she would be all right while we were working on her, but we also realized how grave the situation was," Mazzolini said later.

The paramedics took her to University Hospital just before 4:30 a.m., the heat in the ambulance warming her enough to insert the breathing tube and force warm air into her lungs. She arrived still lacking a heartbeat.

De Caen, head of pediatrics at the emergency unit of the Stollery Children's Health Center, was called. Doctors wrapped Erika in a plastic blanket called a Bair Hugger that blows warm air on the body like a hair dryer. Now some heart activity could be detected, but it was weak and abnormal.

Erika was cold to the touch, de Caen said, but her color seemed better than expected.

While continuing to resuscitate her, de Caen and his colleagues decided to try using a heart-lung machine, which would warm the body from within by feeding oxygen and blood to vital organs.

It would take almost an hour to get the machine ready, and the delay may have helped save Erika. At 4:45 a.m., Erika's gurney was rolled through the hallways, up the elevator and into the intensive care unit, de Caen said. The heart surgeon and two assistants prepared to surgically insert tubes for the heart-lung machine into her neck.

As they got ready to make the first cut at 5:45 a.m., Erika's heart began beating normally. Her temperature was 18.33 Celsius, so doctors still had to choose between the heart-lung machine and the Bair Hugger. The Bair Hugger was safer but much slower.

Based on Erika's color and heartbeat, they opted for the Bair Hugger. In three hours her body warmed to 30.00 Celsius, a pace de Caen called "astounding."

The fact that Erika froze may have saved her. Children cool faster because they are small, and their metabolic rate also decreases more quickly, preserving oxygen in the cells.

However, some body parts can become starved of oxygen during rewarming, causing heart, lungs or kidneys to malfunction.

None of that happened with Erika. "She ended up beating the odds," de Caen said.

A miracle?

"I've called it a miracle already," he said. "So I guess I keep on saying the same thing."

Rempel, the paramedic, had seen it before in Rouleau, Saskatchewan, in February 1994. A 2-year-old girl named Karlee followed her father out the door when he left for work at 2:30 a.m. There was a snowstorm, and the temperature was -13.33 Celsius. At 8 a.m., Karlee's mother awoke and found her with no heartbeat and a body temperature of 13.89 Celsius.

Karlee lost a leg but suffered no brain damage.

Erika also will likely lose some toes or even part of her left foot. Doctors have removed the last bandages from her fingers, but the feet remained under wraps.

Lobay, the plastic surgeon, said Erika's right foot looked healthy, but frostbite damaged the left one. But even with the loss of toes and the top portion, "I think she's going to be able to walk on the foot."

"Her legs were hard and woody when she came into the emergency, just rock hard. Everything was frozen," he said. "We are very lucky that all she's going to be losing is maybe a portion of her one foot."

Concern remains of neurological complications, but Dr. Nadeem Mian, Erika's pediatrician, said she had "recovered almost completely" for now and was interacting with people "the way a 1-year-old child should be." *AP*

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Tony Bergonia, Assistant Editor

Study culture of violence, PMA urged

FORT DEL PILAR, Baguio City—A volunteer "trauma team" of psychologists, gender rights advocates and self-confessed hazing victims met with Philippine Military Academy officials on Wednesday for access to cadet records to study the role of violence on the careers of military officers.

Ebgan Inc., a Baguio-based gender rights advocacy group, has been marshalling resources for a clinical look into military hazing after they were approached by former PMA cadets who claimed to have been hazed, said Lynn Madalang, Ebgan executive director.

The effort comes amid moves by the government to .nvestigate the latest hazing case at the PMA that led to the killing of a cadet during a celebration at the academy.

Justice Secretary Hernando Perez gave the National Bureau of Investigation three days to submit a report on the cause of a PMA cadet on Saturday.

Perez ordered NBI director Reynaldo Wycoco to investigate the death of PMA 4th Class Cadet Edward Domingo, believed to be a victim of hazing rites on campus.

Madalang said the volunteer group represents parents and foster parents of cadets, whose concerns must be addressed following the fatal hazing of Domingo on Saturday, the recent hazing cases in the academy and the mysterious death of Army 2nd Lt. Jessica Chavez in Fort Bonifacio.

Chavez, a member of PMA Class 2000, was the first female PMA graduate to die a violent death after her body was discovered inside her room in Fort Bonifacio on Feb. 9.

Madalang, in a March 14 letter to Maj. Gen. Manuel Carranza Jr., PMA superintendent, offered their group's assistance in looking into the hazing cases in the academy.

"We seek to coordinate with you as (a) partner rather than (an) adversary to work together in response to this issue," she said.

"We request (for) access to documents and available logistics for us to be able to hasten support group formation among (hazing) victims. The group target will include parents of victims, foster parents in the city and other civic organizations supportive of our cause," she added.

Senior Supt. Villamor Bumanglag, Baguio police director and a member of PMA Class 1979, now leads the Domingo murder probe, which he described as the first recorded civilian investigation of a hazing-related death inside Fort del Pilar.

"This is a landmark investigation because no civilian authority had yet been able to investigate a hazing fatality inside PMA. Most of the previous cases in the 1980s and 1990s were conducted outside PMA because the victims were already transported to the hospital or had (died) in the field," Bumanglag said.

Madalang said reviewing the ramifications of the recent hazing cases and Chavez's short-lived career as signal officer-in-training of the 191st Military Police Battalion at Fort Bonifacio, on PMA training could help determine "the kind of soldiers we are paying for."

"Whether Ms Chavez committed suicide or not isn't our singular issue here. The culture of violence inside the military must be finally reviewed and understood because these cadets are schooled and trained using public funds. They are, in effect, our charges and we must know what is happening to them," said Madalang.

Former PMA cadets, all self-confessed hazing victims, surfaced recently to denounce the military's "culture of violence" which, they said, had claimed the lives of Chavez and Domingo.

Chavez's case, in particular, raises serious issues about whether female cadets also undergo hazing, said Madalang.

"We can already guarantee that the military subjected women to violence from school to where they eventually served as officers. The government must investigate that new link between hazing inside (the) PMA and their current workplace," said Adam Borja, who was originally a member of Class 1995, but who was coerced into quitting following his alleged maltreatment by fellow cadets in 1990.

Borja, spokesperson of a loose association of cadets who withdrew from the PMA allegedly due to hazing, was recruited initially by Ebgan to help set up a trauma team for male and female hazing victims.

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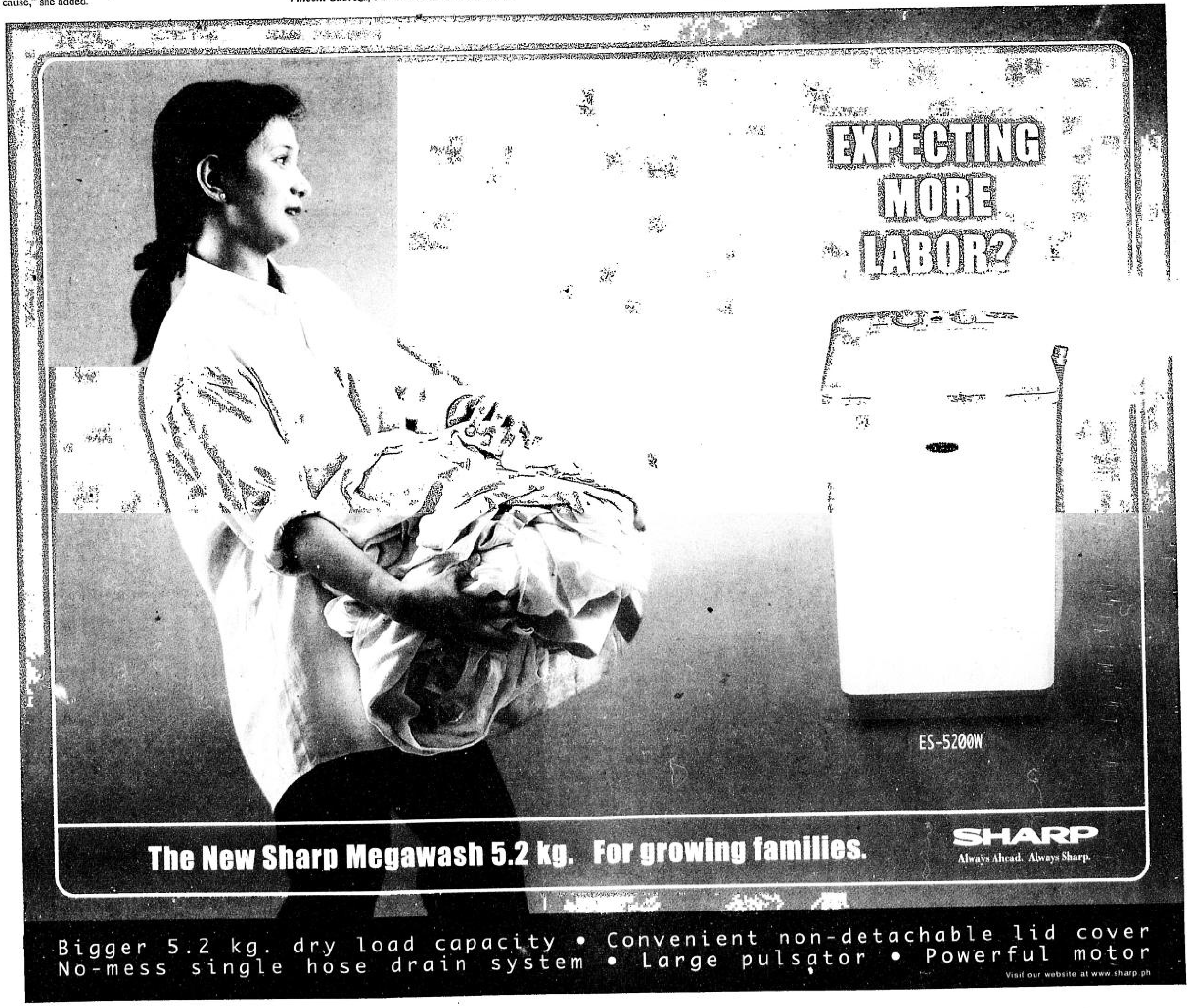

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ROUNDUP

Looming violence denied

DIGOS CITY—Gov. Rogelio Llanos dismissed claims that election violence looms over the province. He said this was just a product of some politicians' imagination. "This is already my last term as governor and I have yet to see a bloody confrontation between political opponents," he said. Vice Governor Antonio Sunga earlier warned that violence is likely to occur in some areas of the province due to tension between rival politicians and the alleged presence of private armies as reported by the police and military intelligence community. But Llanos said it was a baseless assessment.

Allan Nawal, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Soldier dies in ambush

COTABATO CITY—A soldier was killed while another was wounded in an ambush Friday by suspected Moro rebels in Buldon, Maguindanao, the military here said. Two other soldiers were wounded when a landmine went off at about 5 a.m. in Barangay Iganagampong, Shariff Aguak town. About five suspected members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) were wounded in an encounter between soldiers and rebels in Lambayong, Sultan Kudarat, also on Friday dawn. The skirmishes occurred despite the government's declaration suspending military operations against the MLF. The MILF has yet to declare its own version of the ceasefire.

Edwin Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Bombing condemned

SAN PABLO CITY—Local government officials and the Catholic hierarchy of the San Pablo Diocese have expressed indignation over the grenade explosion caused by two escaping men who robbed a pawnshop here last week. PO2 Marissa Enriquez said 39 bombing victims were treated at different hospitals here causing a shortage of blood supply in blood banks. Pawnshop security guard Ernesto Morales died while being treated in the hospital. Guan said city Mayor Vicente Amante offered a P100,000 reward to anybody who could help authorities arrest the suspects soon.

Romulo Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

5 police chiefs relieved

CAMP VICENTE LIM, Laguna—Chief Supt. Domingo Reyes, regional police director, relieved on Sunday five more chiefs of police in Southern Tagalog for their failure to stop illegal gambling in their areas of jurisdiction. This brought to 12 the number of chiefs of police Reyes relieved due to jueteng operations in their areas. Supt. Arsenio Pinacate, police information officer, identified those relieved as Supt. Efren Yebra of Antipolo City, Insp. Manuel Abu of Rodriguez town, and Chief Insp. Ceferino Avendaño of Morong town, all under the Rizal provincial police office; Chief Insp. Renato Angara of Los Baños town and Chief Insp. Nestor de la Cueva of Bay town, all of the Laguna police office.

Romulo Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

'Jueteng' return urged

PILI, Camarines Sur—A member of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan here recommended the resumption of *jueteng* to stop kidnapping in this province. Fernando Carrios Jr., board member of the first district of Camarines Sur, said kidnappings increased when *jueteng* stopped operations. Carrios said, however, that *jueteng* should resume only after it was legalized. Several media practitioners here shared Carrios' belief. A radio reporter, who requested not be identified, said ransom from kidnapping has replaced what the *jueteng* operators lost from their operations.

Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Kidnappings baffle business

NAGA CITY—The mostly Chinese-Filipino business groups that attended a recent dialogue with Police Deputy Director General Leandro Mendoza here expressed dismay on how kidnappings could easily happen in a small city without the police knowing about them. At least two kidnap-for-ransom incidents that happened within a 40-day period were under the jurisdiction of the Philippine National Police provincial office here. The first happened in broad daylight at Palestina, Pili, Camarines Sur on the national highway, some three kilometers from the PNP provincial office. The kidnappers passed through the PNP provincial office and the victims were brought to Sariaya, Quezon while the PNP Naga office fruitlessly searched the upper barangays of Naga almost the whole night. Certain sectors expressed satisfaction that all the kidnapping victims have been either rescued or released unharmed.

Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Bicol region, Visayas and Mindanao including Palawan will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. The rest of Luzon wil have partly cloudy to at times cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms.

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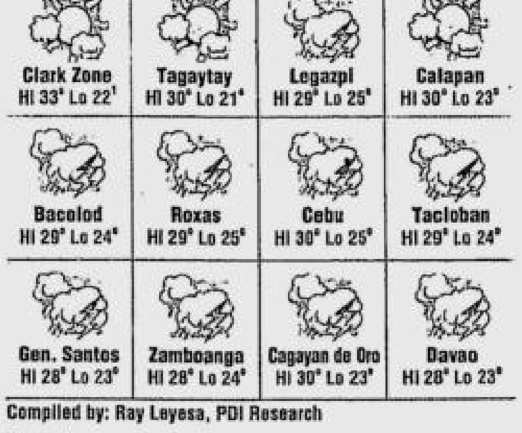

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AIRPORT ISSUE

Groups vow to campaign vs Mikey

MABALACAT, Pampanga—Groups led by the Pinoy Gumising Ka Movement (PGKM) that spearheaded the multi-sectoral Resign Estrada Movement of Pampanga have vowed to campaign against candidate for vice governor Juan Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo of the Lakas-NUCD.

Ruperto Cruz, PGKM chair and head of the Citizens Council for Trade and Tourism, told the INQUIRER Tuesday that Arroyo, eldest son of President Macapagal-Arroyo, has been silent like her mother on the clamor of Kapampangans to open the Clark International Airport to regular domestic commercial flights.

Cruz said that as an aspiring political leader in Pampanga, the young Arroyo should have made his position known on the call of his *cabalens* to open Clark for commercial flights.

The PGKM, CCTT, Move Clark Now and other non-government organizations in Pampanga and Angeles City have been urging the President to undertake measures to open the Clark airport to commercial flights. However, the President has not issued any comment on the appeal of her *cabalens*.

Kapampangan folk even shouted slogans on the airport's operation during Ms Macapagal's visit to this province last month to campaign for the People Power Coalition. In spite of hearing the slogans, Cruz said the President did not comment about the airport.

Cruz said if the young Arroyo wants to get the votes of the Kapampangans, he should openly declare his support for the airport which is seen by the business and other sectors here as the hope of the province in attaining economic development.

Most politicians around the Clark Special Economic Zone, including candidates for Pampanga's four congressional districts, have publicly stated their support for the campaign for the operation of the airport.

Cruz added that the President's son is not yet ready to lead the provincial board here because he is a neophyte and has not held any public office.

The vice governor presides over sessions of the provincial board.

The Macapagal administration has decided to honor a deal with the current operator of the Clark airport, but officials vowed to convince the firm to move the planned NAIA-3 project to Clark.

The candidacy of Ms Macapagal's son has been under fire from individuals and groups who are calling for an end to political dynasties.

Ms Macapagal was challenged recently to convince or order her son to withdraw from the race for vice governor to set an example to other political clans and lead efforts to put an end to political dynasties.

Although the Constitution contains a provision that bars political dynasties, Congress has not passed any law that would put flesh to the provision.

Most members of Congress themselves belong to political dynasties.

Politicians were able to run circles around a law limiting the terms of elected officials by forcing their sons or daughters to run in their places.

Many elected officials who were barred from prolonging their stay in office simply reclaim their posts after a year's rest or after spending a year in another position.

Jun Malig, PDI Central Luzon Desk

NPA demand letters hound bets

LUCENA CITY--Local candidates in Quezon province are in a quandary whether to pay "permit-to-campaign" fees to the New People's Army inside so-called rebel territories.

A candidate in the Bondoc Peninsula said the proliferation of demand letters supposedly from the NPA raises doubts whether the letters really came from the guerrillas.

"I received at least three computerized demand letters, two of them with (the) signatures of Ka Roger, while the other with the name of Ka Bart and what appeared on top of it as his signature," said the candidate who asked not to be identified.

Ka Roger is Gregorio Rosal, Communist Party of the Philippines spokesperson, while Ka Bart is the *nom de guerre* of Tirso Alcantara, the top commander also of the NPA's Melito Glor Command which operates in Southern Tagalog.

"But how would I know if a demand letter is genuine or not?" the candidate asked.

What adds to his doubt, said the candidate, is the knowledge that "faking" such signatures of top communist rebel leaders is quite easy.

"All you need is a computer to log in the Internet Website of the National Democratic Front or the NPA and you can have your own sweet time to choose which signatures of top communist leaders to copy. There are the signatures of Ka Roger, Ka Bart, or even Jose Maria Sison or even Louie Jalandoni of the NDF," he added.

"Even the logo of the NDF . . . in their Website is available for copying. You can even have a photo of a ranking communist guerrilla officer pasted on the demand letter to further give it a more genuine and menacing appearance," the source said.

He added that almost all of his fellow candidates have also received similar demand letters.

"Other copies were even printed in bloody red, according to some of my party mates," said the candidate.

He told the INQUIRER that some of the letters are being delivered by courier services.

"Some are being secretly handed to us in our campaign sorties by supposed NPA couriers, mostly children," said the candidate.

"Most probably, the NPA units they are referring to are all . . . fakes," said Senior Supt. Charlemagne Alejandrino, Quezon provincial police chief.

"Besides, would the NPA still collect permit-to-campaign fees when they have also their own candidates since they are joining the electoral arena? They may be accused by the voters of being unfair, which could create a backlash on their candidates," Alejandrino added.

Senior Supt. Florante Baguio of the Batangas City PNP said the fees range from P600,000 to P900,000 for candidates for governor, P300,000 to P500,000 for candidates for House seats, P10,000 for board members, P50,000 to P300,000 for city mayors, P50,000 to P125,000 for municipal mayors, P10,000 to P20,000 for vice mayors and P1,000 to P5,000 for councilors. In Davao City, the main regional guerrilla unit of the NPA in Southern Mindanao warned that politicians would be barred from campaigning in rebel territories unless they secure permits to campaign.

In a March 7 statement, the NPA's Merardo Arce Command (MAC), said they have deployed guerrillas and militias to implement the policy.

The statement was unsigned but identified Rigoberto Sanchez, MAC spokesperson, as a "reference."

Sanchez said the permits would serve as a "safe conduct pass" for all candidates who plan to campaign in areas that NPA guerrillas reportedly control.

Those who campaign, however, are barred from bringing firearms or armed bodyguards.

He warned supporters of candidates who enter rebel areas that they would be arrested if they were found spying instead of campaigning. ***Reports from Delfin Mallari and Mei Magsino, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau and Jowel Canuday, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Man survives knife in head for a month

By Nestor Burgos Jr.
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—Doctors here have finally extracted a knife embedded in a man's head for 36 days.

Neptalie Eusoya, 20, is still under observation at the government-run Western Visayas Medical Center after a seven-hour operation that started Saturday afternoon until early Sunday.

He has been confined at the hospital since Feb. 3, after he was stabbed while sleeping inside the multi-purpose gymnasium of Oton town, 10 kilometers south of here.

He spent the night at the gymnasium, 50 meters from the town's police station, after coming home from a fiesta at around 9:30 p.m. because there was no more ride available to take him home to Barangay Abilay Sur, five kilometers from the town center.

At about 3:45 a.m., an unidentified man rudely roused him from sleep and then suddenly stabbed him with a knife in the head. His attacker fled and Eusoya, with the knife still sticking out of his head, ran to the police station to seek help.

"We were awakened by his shouting and were shocked when we saw him," said Insp. Bonifacio Capanas, Oton police chief.

Despite his wound, Eusoya was able to report the stabbing to the police before he was brought to the hospital.

Doctors attempted to extract the knife through surgery.

But when they failed to see the tip in the X-ray, they decided to postpone the surgery.

"We had to find out (if) the knife hit a major artery as removing it could be fatal," said Dr. Fe Joan Fama.

The knife was buried at least three inches in Eusoya's skull. It pierced the right side of his nose.

The knife's tip nearly hit the brain, doctors said.

For more than a month, doctors had to wait for the swelling of Eusoya's head to subside.

There was no infection but doctors had to postpone surgery on March 8 because Eusoya had a dangerously low level of sodium.

Sodium helps absorb water in the body and the lack of it could thicken the blood that could lead to the blood veins bursting.

Fama said the surgery had to be postponed "otherwise the operation could cause seizure and even death."

The case remains unsolved a month and police have not identified the suspect.

The third of six siblings, Eusoya had to quit high school for two years to allow his eldest brother to finish college. His father, Noe, farms and drives a jeepney.

Throughout his stay in the hospital, his family had to solicit money from politicians to cope with expenses on medicines and laboratory tests.

Help also came from Eusoya's schoolmates and teachers in the Oton National High School from where he was supposed to graduate this month.

MORE PATROLS

Army to stop rival rebs' clashes

By Carla Gomez
PDI Visayas Bureau

BACOLOD CITY—The Philippine Army would not allow more clashes between two rival rebel groups here, according to a ranking military official.

Brig. Gen. Pedro Atienza, 3rd Infantry Division commanding general, said among the steps to be taken by the Army to prevent more clashes is to step up foot patrols especially in southern Negros where the breakaway rebel group Revolutionary Proletarian Army-Alex Boncayao Brigade operates.

If the Army soldiers conducted more foot patrols, Atienza said, the chances of the New People's Army and RPA-ABB clashing again would be reduced.

The RPA-ABB is deemed strongest on Negros Island but the group, which broke off from the NPA, also has guerrillas in southern Negros—Kabankalan City and the towns of Ilog, Candoni, Cauayan, Sipalay and Hinobaan.

The NPA's stronghold is mostly in central Negros but military officials said they believed that the mainstream rebel group wanted to infiltrate RPA-ABB territory.

Three persons were killed and another was wounded when NPA rebels fired at a house where RPA-ABB guerrillas were having dinner in Sitio Cogon, Barangay Gatuslao, Candoni, 130 kilometers southwest of this city.

Killed were Leo Buenaventura Landero, owner of the house, and his daughter Jinky and an unidentified RPA-ABB rebel. Wounded were Jinky's brother, Antonio and two RPA-ABB guerrillas.

RPA-ABB national commander Carapali Lualhati had warned that his group might initiate an offensive against the mainstream rebel faction if they continued to encroach into RPA-ABB areas.

Supt. Geary Barias, police director for Negros Occidental, called on the RPA-ABB to refrain from attacking rival guerrillas for the sake of peace in the province.

"Civilians will surely end up as casualties if clashes take place between the two rebel factions. It is also detrimental to the peace and order situation in Negros," he said.

Gov. Rafael Coscolluela urged the two rival rebel factions to consider a cessation of hostilities in Negros, especially during the election period.

Barias supported Coscolluela's appeal, saying a suspension of offensives between the RPA-ABB and the NPA would be the best step to avoid further bloodshed in Negros.

The RPA-ABB has entered into a peace agreement with the government during the term of ousted President Joseph Estrada.

Part of the agreement allows the former NPAs to help police in the fight against criminality. Recently, guerrillas of the RPA-ABB helped arrest wanted criminals and brought them to authorities.

The RPA-ABB has urged President Macapagal-Arroyo to honor the peace pact that it signed with the Estrada administration and pursue further talks on other provisions of the pact.

Comelec tags mayor American, unseats him

By Carla Gomez
PDI Visayas Bureau

BACOLOD CITY—Exactly two months before the May 14 elections, the Commission on Elections yesterday unseated Mayor Oscar Verdeflor for being an American citizen.

Vice Mayor Luzviminda Valdez took over as mayor after a Comelec lawyer served the writ of execution on the poll body's decision that Verdeflor was unfit to hold office because he is not a Filipino.

Councilor Alex Paglomutan would take over as vice mayor.

Regidor Samar, Comelec counsel for electoral contest and adjudication, served the writ to Verdeflor at about 2:30 p.m. inside his house at the City Heights Subdivision where Verdeflor held office since his brain surgery last year.

Samar later told reporters that Verdeflor took the decision calmly.

At 4 p.m., Valdez took her oath as new mayor of Bacolod before Executive Judge Edgar Garvillas inside the City Hall while her supporters cheered and threw confetti.

Valdez of the Lakas-NUCD and Verdeflor, an independent candidate, will fight for the mayoral seat in the May 14 elections.

The Comelec, in a Feb. 2 en banc decision, ruled that Verdeflor could not hold the post because he was an American citizen when he ran for office during the 1998 elections.

The ruling was to become final and executory in 30 days since the promulgation of the decision unless Verdeflor secures a temporary restraining order from the Supreme Court.

Verdeflor had asked the High Tribunal to issue a TRO pending a review of the Comelec decision, claiming the poll body committed grave abuse of discretion when it declared him ineligible to hold office.

But the High Court had not acted on his petition. On March 13, the Comelec en banc ordered the commission's second division to issue a writ of execution after the 30-day period lapsed.

Woman, 2 kids hurt in blast

COTABATO CITY—A woman and her two children, aged 7 and 5, were injured Tuesday in an explosion, the fourth since the controversial installation of a new mayor by the Commission on Elections last week.

Rushed to the Cotabato Regional Medical Center for treatment of shrapnel wounds were Sumael in Macatoman and her children Abubakar, 7; and Sedik, 5.

Police said the victims were about to sleep in their apartment along SK Pendatun Avenue Extension when a 40-mm mortar hit the roof of the apartment and exploded.

But Supt. Amerodin Hamdag, police chief, dismissed talk that the bombing was due to the brewing political tension between supporters of outgoing mayor Muslimin Sema and incoming mayor Rodel Mañara.

He said bombings have become a common activity of criminals or aggrieved persons who want to exact vengeance.

The board of canvassers proclaimed Mañara winner of the 1998 mayoralty race on March 7 after canvassing election returns in Manila.

The proclamation, considered "illegal and done without valid notice," triggered a round-the-clock vigil in front of the city hall by Sema's supporters, mostly family members of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), where Sema is secretary general.

On March 12, the Comelec's second division, chaired by Ralph Lantion, issued a temporary restraining order "suspending the effects" of Mañara's proclamation by the board.

Police reported at least three separate grenade blasts in the city. *Charlie Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Tremor shakes Laoag residents

LAOAG CITY—Houses swayed while iron gates shook after a magnitude 4.5 earthquake struck this city at dawn Wednesday.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or damages but the tremor, felt at Intensity 4 here at 4:05 a.m., roused residents from their sleep and caused a mild panic.

Officials of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology based in Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte traced the tremor's epicenter at a local fault in the North Luzon ridge, 104 kilometers northeast of Laoag.

Ranulfo Aguinaldo, Phivolcs science researcher, said the quake was also felt in Sto. Domingo, Ilocos Sur and Tuguegarao City in Cagayan at Intensity 3; and Sta., Ilocos Sur at Intensity 2.

Phivolcs said the earthquake lasted for nine seconds and was caused by tectonic plate movements.

The Laoag quake struck a week after two mild quakes hit Baguio City.

On March 7, a magnitude 3.9 earthquake hit Baguio shortly after noon. The quake, felt at Intensity 3 in the city, hit at 12:03 p.m. due to tectonic plate movements 39 kilometers northwest of Lingayen, Pangasinan.

Cristina Arzadon, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Sandigan jail ready for Erap

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Road in Quezon City.

The event has been recorded for posterity on a marker prominently displayed in the building's lobby.

Yesterday, three intelligence agents arrived to check out the place, particularly the disgraced leader's possible detention cell in the sheriff's office.

They were particularly concerned with the security factor, just in case Estrada's trial for plunder finally gets underway.

This was what the INQUIRER was told about the visit of the intelligence agents:

The team arrived at the sheriff's office at around 12:30 p.m. and proceeded to inspect the 8-by-3.5-meter cell.

One agent took footage of the cell with a digital video camera, while another paid special attention to the square opening in the ceiling and asked an in-house security guard whether a grown man might be able "crawl" through.

Yet another tried to shake the iron grills of the cell's only window, as though testing for strength.

Protection

In an interview later in the day, Ed Urieta, sheriff of the anti-graft court, said he sought the agents' help "for intelligence gathering" and "for added protection in case there will be a trial."

"We are surrounded by depressed areas here, you know. And there is a possibility of marathon demonstrations or camp-ins," Urieta told the INQUIRER.

He declined to identify what agency the trio came from, but another Sandiganbayan source said they were from the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

The cell, its pink walls and dirty white floor tiles as yet free from blemishes or cracks, is fitted with a sink and a toilet bowl. There are two folding beds, with pillows and mattresses.

The cell is built such that its occupant will be visible to the guard at any time through the iron door. A prisoner sitting on the toilet bowl will still have his or her knees exposed.

It has ample lighting, but no power outlets. Bringing in a TV set is banned, although Urieta said he would allow a transistor radio.

Should Estrada be arrested, Urieta said, it would be up to the Sandiganbayan justices to determine where he would be detained for the length of the trial.

"The Sandiganbayan has detainees in the Quezon City jail or in Camp Crame. But usually, a new detainee spends his first night here," Urieta said.

According to the sheriff, the last nationally known government VIP to spend a night at the cell was Caloocan City Mayor Rey Malonzo, whom the Estrada administration—through then Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno—charged with graft sometime in July 1999.

Should Estrada's trial start, the one-time jailer will be now be the jailed.

Ready

And if, as Estrada has said, he was willing to be arrested, the Philippine National Police is ready to do so.

Deputy Director General Leandro Mendoza, acting PNP chief, yesterday said the police were "prepared" to carry out an arrest order should the Sandiganbayan issue one in the near future.

In a forum at the Ciudad Fernandina in San Juan, Mendoza said the police were ready with contingency measures in case violence erupted between the anti- and pro-Estrada camps when the wheels of justice finally move against the deposed president.

"We are concerned about the security of the people," Mendoza said. But he stressed the police were also "ready to support the agencies that will make the arrest."

Mendoza aired apprehensions that Estrada supporters would wreak havoc in the streets should their idol be taken to jail.

He recalled an incident on Mendiola on Jan. 20 when the pros hurled stones at the marching antis, triggering a near-violent clash between the two groups.

He said this prompted him to call a meeting with Chief Supt. Reynaldo Peña, Metro Manila police chief. They agreed to be ready for similar demonstrations when the Supreme Court handed down a 13-0 decision on the legitimacy of the Macapagal presidency.

Hostilities

"There really are people who still support former President Estrada," Mendoza admitted. "And there could be hostilities, which is what we're trying to prevent."

Asked if the PNP could do something about the security personnel escorting Estrada in election sorties for his party, the Puwersa ng Masa, Mendoza said he was not even aware of this.

He said former presidents were no longer the PNP's business.

Copa raises ₱1M for Erap prosecution

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The campaign was launched as Ombudsman Aniano Desierto reiterated that he would file criminal charges against officials of Allied Bank for their refusal to furnish his office with the bank records of Estrada, members of his family and his mistresses.

Desierto said he would charge officials of the bank owned by business tycoon Lucio Tan with obstruction of justice and indirect contempt despite a petition for certiorari and prohibition filed yesterday by the bank with the Court of Appeals.

"In the absence of any order from higher courts, we will proceed with our actions. We are now preparing to file charges against the management of Allied Bank," he said.

Allied Bank officials face a maximum of five years in prison for obstruction of justice and another one year for indirect contempt if found guilty.

Allied Bank officials have defied Desierto's March 9 order requiring the bank to turn over Estrada records.

All 11 banks earlier subpoenaed by Desierto had already complied with the order, raising speculations that Allied Bank was protecting the accounts of the disgraced President, a friend of Tan.

The International Exchange Bank, Metrobank, Security Bank and Trust Co. United Coconut Planters Bank, Philippine Savings Bank, Equitable PCI Bank, United Overseas Bank, Citibank, Asia United Bank and Asian Bank have complied with Desierto's order.

Instead of complying with the order, Allied Bank decided to go directly to the Court of Appeals to stop Desierto from examining the bank records of Estrada and his mistresses.

In particular, the Ombudsman had instructed Allied Bank to surrender records on the accounts of Jose Velarde, Joseph Estrada, Laarni Enriquez, Guia Gomez, Joy Melendrez, Peachy Osorio, Rowena Lopez, Kevin or Kelvin Garcia and the so-called Boeing accounts identified only as 727, 737, 747, 757, 777 and 858.

Deliberate attempt

Ombudsman investigators said Allied Bank's refusal to furnish them with Estrada's bank records could be a deliberate attempt to hide Estrada's wealth.

The investigators believe that Estrada's account with Allied Bank is huge since it is in foreign currency (dollars).

Desierto said the bank records would be used as evidence in the Office of the Ombudsman's investigation of the alleged ill-gotten wealth of the Estradas estimated at P20 billion.

Estrada is facing nine plunder charges before the Office of the Ombudsman, which is expected to file the charges with the Sandiganbayan after March 23.

Desierto said Allied Bank notified him about the petition with the Court of Appeals through a manifestation on Tuesday.

The manifestation asked him to hold in abeyance any action on the bank's failure to comply with the order.

The two-page manifestation was filed to stop Desierto from initiating criminal charges against the bank.

The manifestation asked Desierto not to implement his order so as to give Allied Bank more time to question the Ombudsman's jurisdiction over the issue.

But the order gave the bank 48 hours to submit its statements of accounts and all pertinent bank records of Estrada and his mistresses. The order lapsed on March 11.

Allied Bank officials claim that the Foreign Currency Deposit Act (FCDA) barred the government from scrutinizing Estrada's foreign currency accounts with the bank.

Allied Bank noted that while the Ombudsman faced intense pressure to prove the charges against Estrada, "it has no reason to run roughshod against certain laws, rules of procedure and the Constitutional rights even of those subjects of (its) 'investigation,'"

Desierto, however, had claimed that the FCDA only covered accounts deposited by foreigners.

"The government, through the Office of the Ombudsman, cannot be stopped. We have the authority under the law, and we feel that it is necessary to go to the bottom of these anomalies surrounding the illegal activities of Joseph Estrada," Overall Deputy Ombudsman Margarito Gervacio said.

Gervacio is the head of a five-man special preliminary investigation panel tasked with investigating plunder and other graft cases filed against Estrada.

Gervacio also said the Office of the Ombudsman said "plastics king" William Gatchalian could be forced to testify against his close friend Estrada in the criminal proceedings to be initiated against the disgraced President with the Sandiganbayan.

Gervacio pointed out that the Office of the Ombudsman had the "coercive power" to compel Gatchalian to turn state witness against the disgraced president.

Gervacio said Gatchalian could be compelled to pin down his friend if his testimony would further prove that Estrada and Jose Velarde "are one and the same person."

It was from the Velarde account of Estrada with the Equitable PCI Bank that P500 million was drawn for lending to the Wellex Group of Gatchalian, Equitable senior vice president Clarissa Ocampo testified at the impeachment trial of Estrada in January.

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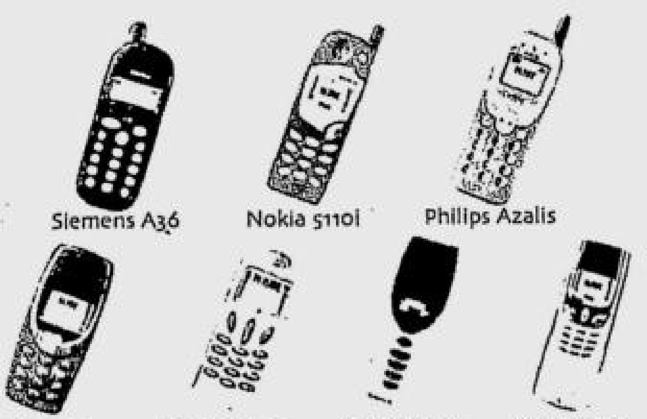

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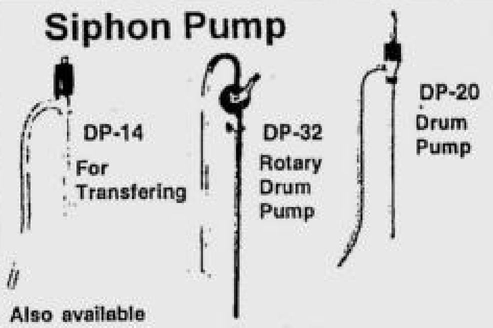

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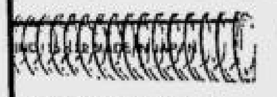

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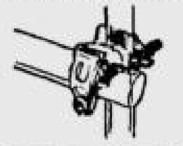

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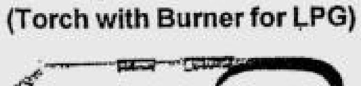

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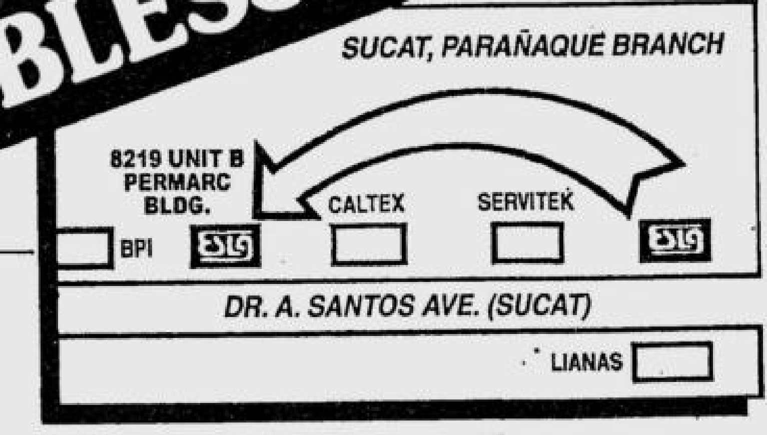

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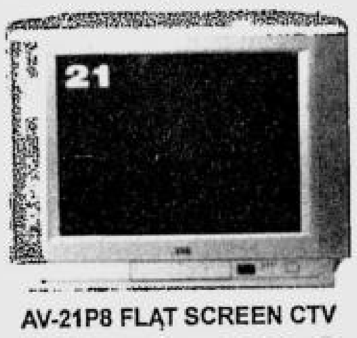

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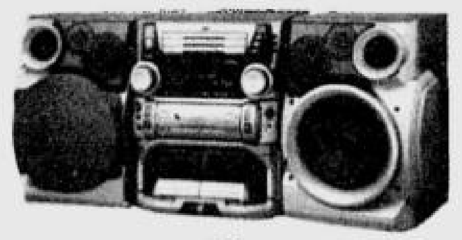

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German bank closed all accounts of Irene

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pected "money laundering."

The INQUIRER tried again yesterday to contact the Aranetas for their reaction to this newspaper's series of reports on their alleged attempt to transfer funds in the presence of an official of Deutsche Bank in Dusseldorf. *(See report's conclusion on Page A1.)*

"They are busy. They won't talk. They have no statement," said a certain Myra who answered the phone at their house.

The couple's alleged partners in the deal could also not be reached and have not come out to either confirm or deny the special report, which first saw print Monday.

Lawyer Eleazar Reyes of Juan Ponce Enrile's law firm Pecabar was not in his office, the INQUIRER was told. Edna Camcam, longtime mistress of the late Gen. Fabian Ver, was still out of the country, according to her maid.

Yorac to head PCGG

Noting that there were calls for a change in leadership at the Presidential Commission on Good Government, Corona revealed that the next chair of the agency will be former elections commissioner Haydee Yorac.

The PCGG will ask German authorities to give the government a copy of surveillance video allegedly showing the Aranetas transacting account transfers at Deutsch Bank, said PCGG officer in charge Jorge Sarmiento.

It will also ask to be provided with documents that the couple allegedly signed to transfer the supposed ill-gotten wealth of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos from Switzerland to Germany.

"They (German authorities) can't hide that anymore. It's out in the open; it's been reported," Sarmiento said of the bank documents and the video.

The PCGG will also reiterate a freeze order on all assets of the Marcoses in Swiss banks to ensure that there will be no movement of funds while the agency reinvestigates the account, which allegedly held $13.2 billion in 1998.

Sarmiento said the agency would also formally ask the Philippine embassies in Switzerland and Germany today to facilitate the working arrangements with the foreign authorities.

Full support

"I think we should give it our full support so we can find out the truth," said presidential spokesperson Renato Corona, referring to the German investigation. He said the German government had all the resources it needed to conduct the probe.

"I see no reason why we should not be coordinating with the German government," Corona told the INQUIRER.

"If they (the Aranetas), really tried to get their money out, it is to our national interest to find out the truth," he said.

Corona said Yorac would come in as PCGG chair after the May elections since she is currently busy with the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV).

Corona also noted that during a Cabinet meeting Tuesday, the PCGG was instructed to conduct an independent inquiry and not just rely on what Swiss authorities have to say.

"We should not take it (the Swiss statements) at face value," he said, quoting what Vice President Teofisto Guingona told Sarmiento.

Letters to Europe

The PCGG will submit a letter to Rora Tolentino, ambassador to Switzerland, to stress the freeze order, and to Jose Zaide, ambassador to Germany, to explore how the Philippine government can invoke the International Mutual Assistance on Criminal Matters (Imac) agreement between Manila and Berlin, Sarmiento said.

He said the government would also keep in close contact with its Swiss-based lawyers, the Badertscher Dorig and Poledna, to monitor any further attempts by the Marcoses to move their funds.

While the government has already worked with the Swiss authorities before, it has to study how to apply the Imac procedures in Germany because this is the first time that the Philippines will work with the German authorities, according to the PCGG chief.

The Imac has been helpful in the PCGG investigations into the ill-gotten wealth of the Marcoses allegedly stashed in other countries and which the government seeks to recover.

Sarmiento also urged the Senate to reopen its inquiry into allegations that the Marcoses have stashed billions in Swiss and other foreign accounts.

'Shame, shame, shame'

He said the blue ribbon committee should "spearhead" the new inquiry while the PCGG, which President Macapagal-Arroyo tasked to investigate the I. Araneta account, "cooperates to the fullest."

He also insisted that the PCGG was not in collusion with Swiss authorities to cover up the accounts, as claimed by former Solicitor General Frank Chavez and Australian investigator Reiner Jacobi.

"They say we are covering up the Marcoses' transactions, but we're not. Why should we?" Sarmiento said.

"We cannot really investigate the matter if we don't go through the procedures . . .which is government to government," he said, parrying accusations that the reason the PCGG report did not confirm the alleged Araneta account was because it was "blinded by surface information."

Sarmiento said he was hoping Chavez and his camp would work with the Senate blue ribbon committee in any investigation.

He added, however, that the PCGG would have to "wait for further directions from Malacañang" to see if it should work with Jacobi, too.

But Chavez said that, "If Malacañang will just give this case back to the PCGG, it's as good as dead in the water."

"This government is trouncing up a rare opportunity. It's a shame, shame, shame, shame," he said.

Chavez had earlier said he looked forward to working with the new set of PCGG officials, but not the "same, incompetent officials" manning the agency. Sarmiento is the last of the old batch.

Don't forget coconuts

In Lucena City, an official of Gomburza, the national association of militant priests and pastors, urged the government to actively pursue new leads on the ill-gotten wealth of the Marcoses.

"Here now is another chance to recover the ill-gotten wealth of the Marcoses. The Macapagal administration should leave no stone unturned and conduct a full-blown probe and honest effort to recover the money based on all the information made available by the (INQUIRER) article," Gomburza spokesperson Fr. Raul Enriquez said.

A coconut farmers' organization in Quezon also urged the government to fast-track the recovery of any ill-gotten wealth.

"It is our hope that the portion of the money that would be recovered from the Marcoses would be utilized to rehabilitate the dying coconut industry," said Rene Cerilla, president of the Ugnayan ng mga Magsasaka or Ugma-Quezon.

He said: "The money is now identified. The only remaining task of the government is to recover it." ***With a report from Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

'There is a second signatory, a foreigner'

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"A billion-dollar account does not only have one signature," he added.

Jacobi said he would divulge the identity of the second signatory "at the proper time."

"They (Philippine government officials) now have the strongest evidence that Irene Araneta has an account at UBS in Switzerland, and therefore, they should go back and pursue it again. They have no excuse left," Jacobi's laywer, David Chaikin, said.

Asked what German authorities are likely to do to the Aranetas if it is proven than they attempted to launder money, Jacobi said: "That is not up to us. Maybe, that's the second story down the road. We don't know what they'll do. And we have been told not to go into details."

Jacobi said they were told that the Aranetas' Swiss legal adviser, Patrick Foetisch, had tried unsuccessfully to move the deposits in Irene's "885931" account in the Union Bank of Switzerland.

According to Chaikin, Greggy Araneta apparently decided that he and Irene should personally arrange the transfer of the deposits since he felt that they might be duped by dummy partners.

"He was sick of shyster lawyers, bankers and con men fronting for the Marcoses and producing nothing of value," Chaikin said.

The Aranetas' alleged conduct, the words they used in their conversations with the friendly banker, and the fact that they hired outside lawyers showed that they believed the money existed, Chaikin said.

Jacobi also stressed that in the alleged contract between Irene and American businessman Hank Hutcherson, she made sure that if the money were transferred in Germany, not even her "dirty partner" would be able to access his 25-percent cut unless she was able to withdraw the funds.

"They were so convinced, that they were drafting clauses to make sure that they wouldn't lose out," Chaikin noted.

Stroke of luck

It was perhaps a stroke of luck that a US district court cleared Jacobi—thereby removing restrictions on his further investigation of the Marcos case—around the time the alleged cohorts of the Aranetas sought him out.

"It was like a dream coming true," Jacobi told the INQUIRER.

In October, the US prosecutor's office in Florida was reviewing a 1991 indictment against Jacobi for allegedly supplying confidential information to a British drug dealer in 1986.

On Dec. 15, the US prosecutor recommended to the court that the indictment be dismissed for lack of basis. He said Jacobi should not have been indicted in the first place.

Swiss courts, Swiss banks and the Marcoses had all cited the indictment to discredit Jacobi and hamper his 10-year investigation into the family's alleged secret wealth in Switzerland. Swiss officials, the Marcoses and some Estrada administration officials accused Jacobi of being a con man and a forger.

Even former President Fidel Ramos claimed the same, after Jacobi alleged that Ramos maintained secret bank deposits in Switzerland.

The Swiss government had used the indictment to attempt to extradite him in Hong Kong and Australia. Its requests were rejected by courts in those countries for lack of evidence.

Before Christmas

When Hutcherson and partner Tim Boardman allegedly first approached him in Sydney in October with the idea of helping the Aranetas, Jacobi was noncommittal.

He said he would see what he could do if he would be cleared in his US court case, in which case he would be free to travel. He suggested that the transaction happen in Germany.

The two Americans returned to Manila to report to their other alleged partners, Edna Camcam, Curtiss Waters and Eleazar Reyes, the Aranetas' lawyer.

The duo told the rest of the group that they could do nothing until Jacobi was free.

On Dec. 15, after the Florida court dropped case against Jacobi, Hutcherson and Boardman allegedly called up Waters, told him that Jacobi might be free to travel soon and advised him to talk to the Aranetas and make sure that the deal was still on.

If the deal was still on, the Aranetas needed to move after Christmas, Boardman said in an interview, recalling the conversation.

"At that point, (Waters) called and verified with them (the Aranetas, through Camcam and Reyes). At that point, they were still very interested," Boardman said.

Waters' "response back to me was that Edna had talked with Ely (Reyes) and that if we would find a friendly banker, then it was a go. They were ready to do business," Boardman said.

"They (Aranetas) wanted it very fast. They wanted it as quick(ly) as possible. That was what we were told," he said.

All this happened before Christmas.

Green light

While they all waited for Jacobi's travel restrictions to be lifted, Hutcherson allegedly kept the investigator updated on his discussions with Waters and Camcam's group, not knowing that Jacobi had contacted anti-money laundering authorities in Germany as early as October.

After much intensive and legal work, the US Drug Enforcement Agency, which had originally filed the case against Jacobi, gave him the green light to travel on Jan. 22.

German prosecutors who knew why Jacobi wanted to go to Dusseldorf informed Chaikin that his client could travel to Germany with no restrictions.

"Reiner has just had a great victory against the DEA because this case amounted to an admission that it never should have indicted him. The court dismissed (the case) because the DEA had no case," Chaikin said.

The US prosecutor instructed the DEA to withdraw all of the international warrants and all of the requests relating to Jacobi.

But that sort of thing "doesn't happen overnight, hence, I wasn't allowed to travel right away," Jacobi said.

Two days after getting the clearance, Jacobi flew to Germany on Jan. 24 to set up the plan to catch the Aranetas.

"It happened in a very, very short period of time. Fortunately, Reiner was able to get all the things together—the banker, the authorities, all the players came there," Chaikin said.

Tim Boardman arrived in Germany on Feb. 5, Monday. He met the "friendly banker" the next day, accompanied by Jacobi and Chaikin. Then he called up Hutcherson and Waters and told them that it was a "real deal."

"I told them that if anybody could do this transaction, it was these people," Boardman recalled.

Hutcherson and Waters arrived in Frankfurt on Feb. 7. "Hank was introduced to the friendly banker . . . Hank was happy and convinced the Aranetas," who flew to Germany two days later, Jacobi said.

'What went wrong?'

On Friday, Feb. 23, after Irene and Greggy were believed to have left Dusseldorf, Germany, on the understanding that they would lay low for a while, Chaikin said he received an e-mail message from a worried Hutcherson.

"David, what went wrong? Are we on to other methods for achieving our goals? What else if anything do you want me or us to do?" Hutcherson allegedly wrote.

"I have some real concerns that I need to discuss with you related to my involvement in our recent effort. I will call you this afternoon or night. If there is a specific time you would like me to call you at your convenience, please send a note back."

Camcam's group was also concerned, according to another e-mail message from Waters to Chaikin.

"G.A. (Greggy Araneta) is again disappointed at the thought that a delay seems inevitable," said a letter attached to the message, which Waters said was a note from "the principals' side."

Hutcherson and the "principals" apparently had no idea just how wrong things had gone for them. Jacobi was ready to go public and tell all.

Spy thriller

The 58-year-old Australian investigator could well be a character out of a spy thriller. When the Philippine government asked him to take the Marcos case in 1988, he had just retired from more than 20 years of doing intelligence work in cooperation with US law enforcement agencies.

Some of the intelligence information that the Australian investigator gave to the US government helped lead to the arrest of international drug ring leaders, traffickers and smugglers, according to Chaikin. His work has also reportedly involved intercepting nuclear triggering devices.

But catching the Marcoses has become Jacobi's personal crusade since the Presidential Commission on Good Government hired him 13 years ago.

The 10 years that he cooperated with the PCGG led him to one conclusion: that the agency was never serious about going after the Marcos alleged ill-gotten wealth legally.

He claimed that the information he gave the agency was just used to make "dirty deals" with the Marcoses.

Frustration

Jacobi said he tried one last time to get the PCGG to recover the Marcos deposits through legal channels in 1998. He believes now that the agency cannot be trusted to do that.

A 1999 Senate investigation on the 885931 account and sub-accounts and on Project Recovery, the alleged plan of the Estrada administration to retrieve the supposed $13.2-billion deposits, deepened both Jacobi's and Chaikin's frustration.

According to Chaikin, since he last testified in April 2000 about an intelligence report from the German Federal Intelligence Service on the Marcos wealth, no one from the Senate or even from the Philippine government tried to verify the report with the German government.

"It is a statement of fact that our German friends told us while we were in Germany, that the Philippine government under no circumstances, no one, no one from the Philippine government requested anything from the German government," Jacobi said.

"I have not yet met an honest Philippine politician. The people who hired me were crooked. David Castro, (Magtanggol) Gunigundo," Jacobi claimed bitterly, referring to former PCGG chairmen.

As he has in past interviews, he accused them of "using their position to get other things."

'The whole truth'

Former Solicitor General Frank Chavez, one of the few government officials who has taken Jacobi seriously, believes that the Senate can still do the right thing by reopening the inquiry into the case of the alleged Marcos-owned billions.

Chavez, who filed the government's main forfeiture case against the Marcos heirs in 1991, also sent a confidential memo on the developments in the case to Executive Secretary Renato de Villa and talked to him on March 2 this year.

"I will definitely ask (the Senate)—on the basis of this development—to resume proceedings. It should not be a pingpong game. At least we're doing something about it," he said in an interview.

But at the same time, Chavez hit the Senate blue ribbon committee under Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr., for "dragging its ass" in investigating the Araneta accounts.

"All that (the senators) did was to rely on a letter sent by the PCGG, claiming that the part on the Marcos laundering in Liechtenstein was false, and Pimentel decided, once again, to put the matter to slumber," Chavez said.

The Macapagal administration has a better opportunity than any post-Marcos government has ever had to go after the family of the late dictator, according to the former solicitor general.

"If this administration means what it says, then it should see this as a renewed challenge to go after the Marcoses," he said.

Chavez said the latest developments proved that the oft-denied Araneta account was real.

"It also proves that UBS had been lying not only to the banking community in Switzerland but to the Philippine government. It is obviously engaged in money laundering for the Marcoses. We hit the bull's eye when we said that UBS Lugano was the mother account," he said.

David Chaikin told the INQUIRER that "the whole truth of what was happening was in Irene's answer to the private banker at Deutsche Bank just after she opened her account. . .

"She said, 'Oh no. Nobody in Manila should find out about this.'"

Joma insists on 'neutral venue' for peace talks

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Drilon and even former President Fidel Ramos had issued statements pressing for the holding of the talks in the Philippines.

President Macapagal-Arroyo announced Tuesday the resumption of peace talks with the NDF. But she said she would wait for the results of a Cabinet study before deciding on the venue.

Sison warned that if Ms Macapagal would insist on holding the peace talks in the country, "she should forget about the peace process, as she is no different from (ousted President Joseph) Estrada."

He said the NDF was strongly opposing the holding of the talks in the country in view of the negative experience in 1986.

According to Sison, the military used the peace talks then as an occasion to spy on NDF leaders, allies and friends and on rebel-controlled areas.

He said the military used the intelligence information it obtained in mounting attacks against NDF forces in January 1987, after the talks collapsed.

Sison also assailed military and police leaders for allegedly failing to order the suspension of operations in Southern Tagalog despite instructions from the President.

He said sarcastically that "the militarists surrounding" Ms Macapagal seemed to be very good.

He added that the NDF was giving the government until tomorrow to issue and transmit to the Netherlands authenticated suspension orders from Gen. Angelo Reyes, Armed Forces chief of staff, and Deputy Director General Leandro Mendoza, acting chief of the Philippine National Police.

Otherwise, he said, it would appear that the government was junking the peace process.

Neutral ground

In Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya, former NDF spokesperson Satur Ocampo urged the President to allow the talks to be held on "neutral ground" to ensure the safety of the members of the NDF peace panel.

Ocampo, who served as NDF negotiator during the peace talks held in 1996-98 under the Ramos administration, said these led to the critical exposure of NDF officials to the military.

He said that when the talks broke down, a number of NDF leaders were either killed or arrested.

"This is a standard invitation, but the government should review the previous peace talks. The proposal has not yet overcome our objection because of our fear that the previous incident will be repeated," Ocampo said.

He said the government should change its framework of approaching peace. He urged it to draft a comprehensive plan that would address the economic, political and other reasons of conflict, and share its implementation with the NDF.

Ocampo was in Bayombong yesterday to attend a political rally of the party-list group Bayan Muna, of which he is president.

Second thoughts

Sison also told dxDC that the NDF was having second thoughts over joining a solidarity conference with members of the government peace panel as part of the initial agreement forged in the Netherlands.

The President is to attend the conference scheduled in Manila in mid-April.

In Malacañang, the President's spokesperson, Renato Corona, said Sison and NDF chief negotiator Luis Jalandoni "probably won't get VIP treatment" should they attend the conference.

Corona, however, said the government was prepared to extend "more than the usual courtesy" to the rebel leaders although it would not pay for their accommodation.

But Sison pointed out that the government might use the occasion to trap the NDF and initiate propaganda offensives to press for the holding of the talks in the country.

He also denied reports quoting him in an interview over RMN network Tuesday that he was willing to return home should the President approve the initial agreement.

He said he had observed that his interviews on radio were being spliced, supposedly to distort his statements.

In an interview over radio station dzBB, Sison clarified that he was not returning home in the next few months to negotiate with Philippine government officials.

"I would probably come home in the latter part of this year, maybe in November, not to negotiate, but to conduct consultations with (NDF) local officials," he said.

He also said the report on the supposed NDF decision to agree to negotiate with the government in the country could be part of a campaign aimed at sowing intrigue between the two panels.

Just peace

In Manila, the president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines hailed the impending resumption of peace talks between the government and the NDF, and said this tack should also be pursued with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

Archbishop Orlando Quevedo said the CBCP also welcomed the month-long ceasefire ordered by the President and the NDF's promise to release Buan.

"Any attempt to secure just and lasting peace would be good for the country. It is not just good for the development of the country but also for the human dimension. Too many people have been killed as a result of differences in opinion," Quevedo said in a press conference at the CBCP headquarters.

Quevedo also said the government and the MILF should undertake similar confidence-building measures to bring peace to Mindanao.

In Lucena City, Fr. Raul Enriquez, vice chair and spokesperson of Gomburza, a national association of activist priests and pastors, called on all multisectoral groups that participated in People Power II to actively take part in the peace negotiations.

Enriquez said it was but just and right that the people, through these organizations, be represented in the talks.

"It is not just the peace of the NPA members and the government that is being disturbed, but the peace of the country and its people, so we have to register our stake and be actively involved in the peace negotiations," Enriquez said.

He added: "Why is it that the peace talks would be centered only on certain personalities? First and foremost, it is the attainment of a genuine people's agenda that should be the central focus of the negotiations. What the people (want) is for peace to prevail all over the country.

"And it should not be dictated by the exchange of conditions between the government and the NDF. It is the long-suffering people that should dictate what they want, and how this should be done."

Gun battle

On the same day that the President said she had approved the start of peace talks, soldiers killed several NPA guerrillas and captured four others in a gun battle in Agusan del Sur.

Col. Fredesvindo Covarrubias said the guerrillas fired on an Army patrol near the village of Binugsayan, touching off a 15-minute firefight.

"Many guerrillas were killed in the fighting and we captured four dissident-terrorists," Covarrubias said.

He said soldiers intercepted guerrilla communications that referred to several dead but did not specify the number.

Covarrubias also said troops were pursuing surviving rebels in the hinterlands of Agusan del Sur. He said no soldiers were injured. ***With reports from Norman Bordadora and Andrea Trinidad-Echavez in Manila; Ben Moses Ebreo, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau; Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau; AP***

DBM confirms pork

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to allow the registration" of new voters.

"The proposed special session has nothing to do with the fund releases," Budget Secretary Emilia T. Boncodin said. "With or without the special session, the funds will be released as these are amounts programmed for the year."

Sen. John Osmeña said Tuesday that Malacañang was releasing P17.5 million in Congressional Development Fund (CDF, which is popularly known as pork barrel) to each House member to ensure the passage of the law for the holding of the special registration for some 4.5 million young voters.

The opposition senator said the Macapagal administration was setting the stage for the use of 4.5 million "flying voters" to favor the People Power Coalition (PPC) senatorial candidates.

"This is not true," Ms Macapagal said in Parang, Maguindanao.

Non-negotiable

The President said the plan to allow more than four million new voters to register by amending the Omnibus Election Code was "non-negotiable" as "a matter of leadership decision.

"I should not have touched on this issue. But I want them also to respect the primordial rights of around four million youth voters who will be disenfranchised if we don't allow them to register," she said in Filipino.

The President said the release of congressional funds Osmeña was referring to has long been overdue as part of the 2000 General Appropriations Act.

Boncodin also said that the funds that the DBM was releasing to members of the House were regular allotments of agencies based on the 2000 reenacted budget.

The bulk of the funds will go to the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), according to Boncodin.

She said Osmeña, who chairs the Senate finance committee, knew that "what we are releasing in the DBM now are part of the regular releases for infrastructure projects" under year 2000 General Appropriations Act, "which he himself had sponsored."

The DBM had to reenact last year's budget after the Estrada administration failed to pass the proposed budget for 2001.

Although senators and congressmen are allowed to identify their pet projects, the funds are to be released to government agencies, not to legislators, according to Boncodin.

She said the DBM was releasing the funds so that infrastructure projects could be implemented before the election ban on the implementation of projects between March 30 and May 14, 2001.

She said a total of P34.7 billion should have been released to the DPWH as early as January.

In a radio interview, Executive Secretary Renato de Villa said the P17.5 million in CDF to be released to legislators was not a "bait" for congressmen to attend the special session.

"That is not given to them in exchange for their attendance in the special session. I don't know of any bait like that. I think we should not be making these charges because the legislators cannot be bribed that way," De Villa said.

House Speaker Feliciano Belmonte said "pork barrel is not needed to lubricate the passage of any law."

The Macapagal administration, Belmonte said, "does not have spare money to throw around after the previous (Estrada) administration racked up the biggest budgetary deficit in history."

'Balato' babies

PPC senatorial candidates lashed out at Osmeña for alleging that House members were being bribed to attend the special session.

"What does he think of us, *balato* babies?" said PPC senatorial candidate Wigberto Tañada, a congressman of Quezon province.

Tañada was alluding to Osmeña's admission at the height of Senate blue ribbon committee hearings on the "jueteng" payola scandal that he received *balato* or a share of gambling winnings from former President Joseph Estrada.

"We are not interested in any *balato* or to get some spoils of victory," Tañada, a prosecutor in Estrada's impeachment trial, said in a statement. "What we are interested in is for new politics to prevail . . . This is a fight between good and evil."

Another PPC candidate, TV host and former Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Solita Monsod, said Osmeña "must be out of his mind."

In Davao City, leaders of poll watch groups—Solidarity for Political Transformation (Solid-Davao) and Namfrel also assailed Osmeña.

Fr. Pete Lamata, co-convenor of the archdiocese-led Solid Davao, said Osmeña lacked the credibility to talk about congressional payola, having admitted in last year's Senate blue ribbon committee hearing on corruption charges against Estrada that he received a P1-million *balato* from the disgraced President.

"Osmeña and the pro-Estrada politicians are doing their best to discredit popular clamor to allow some 4.5 million young people to vote because if they are allowed to vote, it will surely spell (the opposition's) defeat," Lamata said.

Lawyer Rene Alexis Villarente, spokesperson of the Namfrel-Davao City, said Osmeña and other pro-Estrada politicians were against the public clamor for a special voters' registration because they were scared of the youth vote.

The party-list group Bayan Muna lambasted Osmeña for calling 4.5 million youths "flying voters" for the administration.

"Osmeña's remark is unpardonable and deserves youth rage and condemnation," Raymond Palatino of Bayan Muna-Youth said.

He said Osmeña gained "additional 4.5 million critics" but lost 4.5 million potential votes should he run in any national elective post.

The Akbayan-Youth, along with six youth groups and 10 individuals, had filed petitions with the Supreme Court seeking to nullify the Comelec resolution.

CBCP for special list-up

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) added its voice to calls for the Comelec to hold another round of registration for an estimated 4.5 million first-time voters.

Archbishop Orlando Quevedo, president of the CBCP, said the youth should be allowed to register and given a chance to make their voices heard in the coming polls.

"Despite all the arguments against it, I agree with the idea that young people should be allowed to register and vote at this crucial time of our country's history," Quevedo said.

"If it is physically impossible, *sayang* (it would be a waste)," he told reporters at the CBCP headquarters in Manila.

He said the coming elections would determine the country's future after the country's second People Power revolution.

Ruben Carranza, a University of the Philippines law professor, has urged the Comelec to hold a special registration without waiting for Congress to convene and pass a law that will legalize the holding of a voters' registration.

Carranza, also legal counsel of the Akbayan-Youth and former assistant defense secretary, said "it may be possible to persuade the Comelec that there is legal basis to hold a special registration possibly within March or before the campaign period begins in April."

"The wait (for Congress to convene and pass a law) could only delay prospects for registration," Carranza said. *With reports from Andrea Trinidad-Echavez, Norman Bordadora and Gerald G. Lacuarta in Manila; and Jowel F. Canuday, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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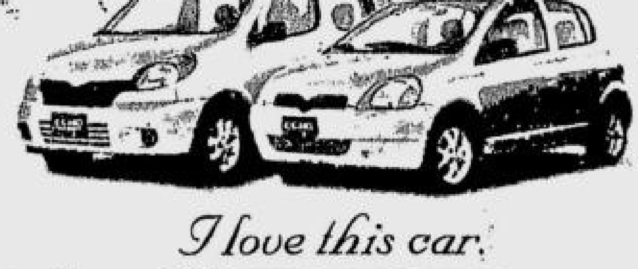

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Jordan: I'm not coming back 99.9%

NEW YORK— If a report in this week's Sports Illustrated is to be believed, the NBA will not have to worry about falling attendance or television ratings much longer.

In its March 19 issue, which hits the newsstands on Wednesday (today in Manila), the magazine cites an unidentified source close to Michael Jordan who says the NBA superstar turned owner of the Washington Wizards is "90 percent committed" to coming back next season to play for the Wizards.

In order to make his return, Jordan would have to give up his minority stake in the Wizards since it is against NBA rules for an owner to also be a player.

Such a move would not be unprecedented. In 1996, Magic Johnson gave up his share in the Los Angeles Lakers to make a brief comeback as a player with the club. The report, which said Jordan would play for the $1 million veteran's minimum in order to help create more salary cap room for the woeful Wizards, also suggested that Charles Barkley was planning to come out of retirement to play alongside his good friend.

Jordan did not return telephone calls by Sports Illustrated. Barkley, without denying the rumors, said: "Put it this way. It would take extraordinary circumstances for me to come out of retirement."

The 38-year-old Jordan has not played since 1998, when he led the Chicago Bulls to their third straight NBA championship and sixth in eight years.

He went out in a blaze of glory, hitting the winning basket against the Utah Jazz in the deciding game of the 1998 Finals.

While any rumor of a comeback by the man widely considered the greatest player in NBA history tends to take on a life of its own, Jordan last week told the Washington Post that the chances he would never play again were "99.9 percent."

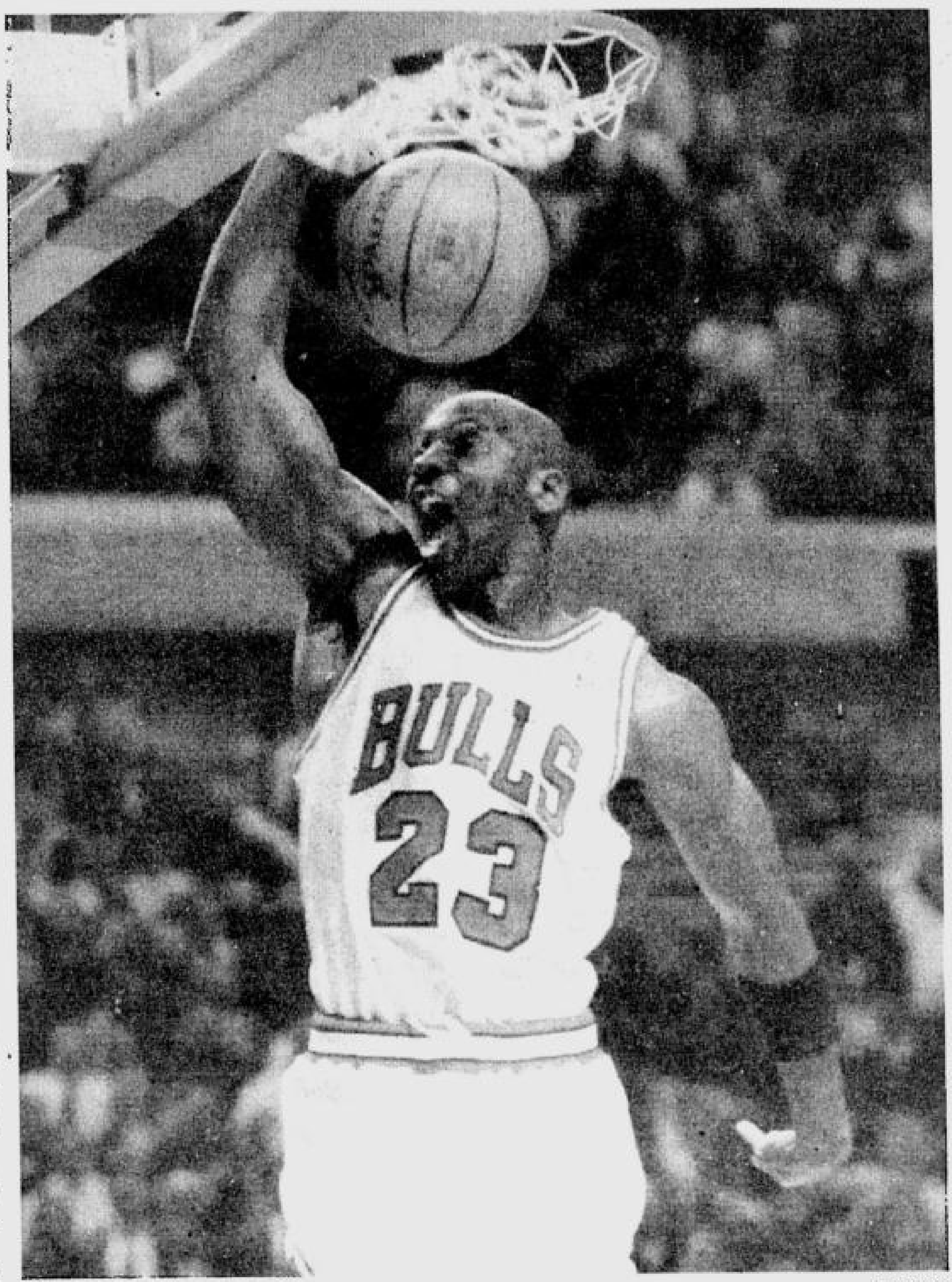
He reiterated his stance this week, telling the Post that any time he hits a basketball court to work out, the rumors of a second coming begin anew. "To run a basketball team with the motivation of coming back to play is against any rules or ethics out there," Jordan told the Post.

"I am working out because I got up to 240 pounds (109 kg) and I'm trying to lose weight," Jordan said.

"Playing basketball at a health club against, in essence, some weekend warriors, is the best way I know how to lose weight. People are taking this stuff way too far, but I can't control what people write or think so I'm not going to address this any more." Jordan left the NBA once before and returned after two years of trying his hand at minor league baseball. Those were the two years that the Chicago Bulls failed to win the championship during the eight-year stretch that included six titles.

Barkley, who turns 38 later this year, never won a championship, losing to Jordan's Bulls as a member of the Phoenix Suns in the 1993 NBA Finals.

He is scheduled to have his number retired by the Philadelphia 76ers later this month. *Reuters*



FILE PHOTO

JORDAN: "I'm trying to lose weight."

Stupid

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

I DO NOT want Michael Jordan to come back. But if he does so, I will not hate him for that. To me, he has always been a joy to watch.

But that was three years ago, when he was only 35 years old.

The respected Sports Illustrated, in its March issue due to come out today, has said Jordan will stage a comeback next year. Jordan has denied the report.

But if and when Jordan will return next year, he will be 39. For him to be able to play again, he will have to recall his investments from the Wizards in keeping with NBA rules.

Jordan retired in spectacular fashion in 1998, when he fired the winning shot for the Chicago Bulls' victory over the Utah Jazz in the NBA Finals.

That was actually his second retirement. The first time he retired was in 1994. That year, and in 1995, Chicago was a non-champion.

But upon Jordan's return in 1996, Chicago went on to pocket three successive NBA crowns ending in 1998. In fact, Jordan powered Chicago to six NBA titles in eight years. The only two years that Chicago did not emerge champion were the Jordan-less years of 1994 and 1995. Before that, Jordan triggered Chicago's first "three-peat" in 1991, 1992 and 1993.

The NBA will benefit from the return of Jordan. Initially, that is. The league has suffered losses brought about by the lack of a superstar. Kobe Bryant, Vince Carter and Allen Iverson are poor Jordan imitations.

But the question is: If and when Jordan returns next year, will he able to summon his gravity-defying shots? At 39, will he be still equipped with enough air in his lungs, spring in his legs?

I have my doubts.

But then, only Jordan can say if he still has it.

When he returned in 1996, everybody believed he could still do it. Why, because he was only 32 then. It's been proven time and again that an athlete's peak usually comes at age 33. Muhammad Ali was 33 when he beat Joe Frazier in the classic Thrilla in Manila on Oct. 1, 1975, remember?

For Jordan to be in his element at age 39, he will not only defy gravity but also Father Time.

As I said, I do not want him to come back. The fond memories must not be lost in the foolishness of one stupid decision if only because the league needs to be resurrected from the pits.

The only Jordan I know is the Jordan of 1998 and before that.

If you can't buy that, heck I'm going home.

Knicks thrash Cavs

NEW YORK —Glen Rice scored 17 points in his first start since Dec. 30 and the New York Knicks easily overcame the absence of starters Latrell Sprewell and Larry Johnson to defeat Cleveland 98-79 in the NBA Tuesday night.

Sprewell sat out with an upper respiratory infection and Johnson missed his fourth straight game with a sore back, but the Knicks didn't miss either of them in extending their home winning streak to five games.

New York broke the game open with a 23-4 run midway through the second quarter.

Complete results: Milwaukee 101, Toronto 97; Atlanta 109, Vancouver 99; New York 98, Cleveland 79; Sacramento 114, Orlando 108, OT; Houston 127, Indiana 118, 3OT; Dallas 122, New Jersey 98; Seattle 99, Portland 90; L.A. Lakers 112, Boston 107. *AP*

Rowing tourney

THE PHILIPPINE Youth Rowing Society (PYROS) bagged the gold in the recently concluded 25th ARAP (Amateur Rowing Association of the Philippines) Regatta at the Manila Bay.

Led by team captain Stephen Chanco and co-captain Chris Almeda, the team also received the award as the overall champion for the men's division in the 2000 Annual regatta.

Interested parties may contact (0917)540-6355 or (0918) 531-6941 for more details.

Shaq fined $5,000 for blasting refs

LOS ANGELES —Shaquille O'Neal was fined $ 5,000 Tuesday for criticizing officials after the Los Angeles Lakers' 109-97 overtime loss to the Seattle SuperSonics.

O'Neal fouled out of Sunday's game against Seattle with 5:32 left in the fourth quarter after picking up two fouls in 12 seconds. He assailed the referees afterward and said he didn't care about fines.

"They stunk tonight," said O'Neal, who is averaging 27.7 points per game and is the NBA's second-leading rebounder. "If they want to take the money, they can take it double. Money doesn't rule me."

O'Neal's contract with the Lakers, which expires in 2006, is for $ 152 million.

A spokesman for the Lakers refused to comment on the fine Tuesday.

The league fined O'Neal $ 10,000 in December 1999 for criticizing officials. In November 1999, he was suspended for a game for fighting with Charles Barkley.

O'Neal also was fined $ 10,000 in November 1997 and suspended for a game for slapping Utah's Greg Ostertag after a pregame shootaround. *AP*

HOUSTON —Hakeem Olajuwon, who led the Houston Rockets to a pair of NBA titles over a 17-year career and became the league's all-time shot blocker, is suffering from a blood condition that may end his stellar career with the team.

The Rockets announced Tuesday that Olajuwon has a blood problem in a vein in the lower half of his left leg and will require medication that will keep him off the court for three to six months.

La Salle sportsfest

DASMARIÑAS, Cavite—Employees of various La Salle institutions will take part in the 2nd Lasallian Employees Sportsfest on March 17 at the De La Salle University-Dasmariñas campus.

Faculty and rank and file employees of seven Lasallian institutions will engage in friendly competition in basketball, volleyball, badminton, lawn tennis, kickball, darts water games, track and field, fun run, tug-o-war, cheering and other games.

The activity aims to bolster camaraderie and sportsmanship among the participating employees of De La Salle University-System schools namely: DLSU-D, DLSU-Manila, DLSU-College of Saint Benilde, DLSU-Professional Schools Inc., DLSU-Health Sciences Campus and De La Salle Santiago Zobel. De La Salle Lipa (Batangas) will participate as a guest school.

The activity is a yearly project of the Sub Committee on Human Resource and Development of the DLSU System Committee on System Administrative Services. The DLSU-D Patriot are the defending champions after winning the overall title last year.

Paeng satisfied with 3rd-place finish in London World Masters

FOUR-TIME World Cup champion Paeng Nepomuceno returned last night from London after winning third place in the World Tenpin Masters behind the eventual champion Shalin Zulkifli of Malaysia and Norway's Tore Torgensen

In describing his semifinal match against Zulkifli, Paeng said: "Shalin started hot with a 236 game which left me 40 pins behind immediately but I recovered with five strikes in a row in the second game and actually took the lead of 10 pins on the sixth frame but a washout and a split on the seventh and eight frames spelled the difference. It wasn't really for me and besides Shalin played extremely well and deserved to win. I am satisfied with my performance."

Angel Nepomuceno, Paeng's father-coach, added: "Previously, whenever Paeng played third or below, I privately felt the loss, but this time, making it to the top three was a win for Paeng considering this is his first outing in an international competition after a 2-year layoff following his wrist surgery."

The tournament organizers included five women in the field which had a format of 2-game matches which in effect acted as an equalizer of sorts.

In a 48-game format like the World Cup, no woman has ever outscored a men's champion in its entire history which is why they compete separately.

"Playing against a woman is difficult, there is no killer's instinct, Paeng is no lady killer," Paeng's father jokingly added.

Sore back causes Safin setback

INDIAN WELLS, California—Second-ranked Marat Safin, his sore back forcing him to hit soft serves and making it a struggle just to get around the court, was upset by Thomas Johansson in their first-round match in the $2.95 million men's Masters Series tournament.

Johansson, sending the US Open champion scrambling side to side and tossing in an occasional drop shot against his slowed opponent, won 7-5, 7-5.

Standing flat-footed rather than going up and arching his back when he served, Safin hit many of his first serves only in the high 80-mph (128-kph) and low 90-mph (145-kph) range—more than 30 mph (48 kph) slower than usual.

The 21-year-old Russian, afraid to make sudden movements that might injure his back more, made 33 unforced errors and hit only 10 winners.

"I'm a little disappointed that the injury is this week, which is Masters Series and is very important to me," Safin said. "But all the time you have to be careful. The problem is that I'm scared a little bit to get injured again. I have pain, but it's more that you get scared.

Safin hurt his back, apparently a pulled muscle, earlier this month at Dubai, where searing pain caused him to quit in the second set against Juan Carlos Ferrero.

Asked why he didn't default against Johansson, Safin said: "You have to try. Why not? I tried and I didn't lose 6-0, 6-0."

In another match at Indian Wells, Mardy Fish, an up-and-coming 19-year-old from Vero Beach, Florida, eliminated Mark Philippoussis, 6-4, 6-7 (2), 6-4.

Last week, Fish advanced to his second ATP quarterfinals with wins over Juan Ignacio Chela and Thomas Enqvist at Scottsdale, Arizona, where Fish eventually lost to Magnus Norman.

Fish, whose father, Tom, is a teaching pro and had him hitting balls over the net from the baseline when he was only 2, is delighted just to be in a tournament with the world's best players.

"I've always wanted to be a pro tennis player," Fish said. "I've dreamed of winning grand slams, making lots of money, having nice cars, stuff like that.

"These last two weeks have been unbelievable. Hopefully I can keep going."

Gustavo Kuerten, playing up to his No. 1 world ranking, ran his winning streak to 14 matches with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Cecil Mamiit in their first-round match at Indian Wells.

The two-time French Open champion from Brazil hammered Mamiit's service, winning 70 of his 118 points on return points.

Trying for his third title of the year after winning on clay at Buenos Aires and Acapulco, Kuerten needed just 70 minutes to eliminate Mamiit, a qualifier.

Other winners included Lleyton Hewitt, Patrick Rafter and Tim Henman.

Hewitt came back strong from a second-set loss to beat Albert Costa 6-2, 5-7, 6-1. Rafter downed Greg Rusedski 6-3, 6-2, and Henman beat Rainer Schuettler 6-2, 5-7, 7-6 (4).

In the women's draw, Kim Clijsters took a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Elena Bovina in the quarterfinals. *AP*

Spurs-Wolves on IBC today

TWO of the NBA's best power forwards and biggest stars collide when Tim Duncan and the San Antonio Spurs battle Kevin Garnett and the Minnesota Timberwolves at 5:30 p.m. on "NBA on Viva TV" over IBC-13.

Duncan, the MVP of the 1999 NBA Finals, has been averaging a double-double this season with averages of 21.4 points and 11.8 rebounds per game for the Western Conference-leading Spurs, 44-19 win-loss.

Duncan leads the league in double-doubles with 51 for the season while Garnett, who averages an equally impressive 22.5 points and 11.4 rebounds per games, is third with 43.

Special Ucap tilt gets going

NON-STOP cockfighting actions start at 5 p.m. today as the "Special Ucap Excess Derby" fires off at the Mandaluyong Coliseum.

An anticipated banner crowd who for the first time will be treated to a unique *sabong* spectacle conceptualized by the Ucap executive committee is expected to watch the event sponsored by Sagupaan Super Feed.

More than 75 exciting fights will be staged in what is billed as a fight-to-the-finish and winner-take-all showdown between the President Group and the Chairman's Group. The group with the most number of points after 75 fights wins the contest.

Comprising the Chairman's Group, bannered by *sabong* idol Patrick Antonio and will be fighting under the Meron side all throughout the event, are lawyer Ram Lopez, Tony Tan, Tito Reyes, Bobby Wong, Lito Orillaza, Boy "Lechon" de Roca, Biboy Enriquez and Raymond Velayo.

The powerhouse President Group headed by Ucap prexy Butch Macasaet and fighting under the Wala side are Mauro Prieto, Joey delos Santos, Pete Rodriguez, Sonny Lagon, Pepito Ngo, Ramon Mencenares, Jet Fernando, Pol Estrellado and Vic Yu.

All winning cocks will be sold for only P1,500 to the lucky paying patrons whose stub numbers would be drawn. Aficionados are advised to keep their ticket stubs for a chance to acquire gamebirds owned by Ucap members.

NCAA 'March Madness' blasts off

By Lorenzo Manguiat

OUTWIT. Outplay. Outlast.

Nope, the previously mentioned words do not merely pertain to the blurb of the hit show "Survivor."

More than anything else, they're also applicable to what 64 teams are set out to do once the U.S. NCAA basketball tournament, more popularly known as "March Madness," begins with the tournament proper on Friday (Winthrop and Northwestern State actually dispute the last slot on Wednesday).

As expected, the so-called "power" conferences secured majority of the tournament berths with the Big Ten (seven), ACC (six), SEC (six), Big East (five), PAC 10 (five) and the Big Twelve (five) leading the way.

Baring any major upset, teams from the above-mentioned conferences will likely make it to the Final Four on April 1 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Among those highly favored to make an appearance in Minneapolis are the following top-seeded teams from each region (regular season records in parenthesis):

Stanford (28-2) – Stanford has the best overall record in the NCAA and the Cardinal were rewarded accordingly with the top seed in the West Region.

The PAC 10 champions boast of one of the deeper line-ups in the NCAA, and such may be critical in the long run.

Although Stanford is not as athletic compared to most teams, Coach Mike Montgomery more than makes up for it with the consistent shooting of swingman Casey Jacobsen and the post presence of twins Jarron and Jason Collins.

Duke (29-4) – The Blue Devils are back where they left off last year, ranked number one in the East Region.

Playing in nearby Greensboro, North Carolina for the first two rounds, the ACC regular season and tournament titleists will rely heavily on the long-range guns of their two-headed monster: Shane Battier and Jason Williams.

The Dookies over-reliance on the three point shot (fifty percent of their field goal attempts were made beyond the arc) though may well be a possible cause for their downfall. Moreover, they have a difficult time in the paint against taller and bulkier teams.

Illinois (24-7) – The Fighting Illini have been a second half team for most of the season, but they will now have to learn to play the whole forty minutes if they expect to make it to their first Final Four since 1989.

Being the top squad in the Midwest region, the Big Ten regular season co-champions will count on their aggressive and physical style of play to wear down opponents.

Michigan State (24-4) – The defending NCAA championships are back in the hunt for another title despite losing its core from last season.

Like last year, the Spartans are tough to handle when it comes to rebounding, especially on the offensive glass with the likes Andre Hutson and Zach Randoplh.

High-flying Jason Richardson has emerged as the team's top offensive weapon.

Court protects wild golf shots

TRENTON, New Jersey—Golfers prone to wild shots have some legal protection.

The state Supreme Court ruled that golfers cannot be sued if their shots injure other players, unless their conduct is reckless or intentionally dangerous.

In a decision released Monday, the justices nonetheless sent back for jury trial the case of a shot that left a golfer unconscious.

The ruling modifies a state appeals court decision last year that departed from standard sports liability law to conclude that hitting a golf ball without warning is recklessly dangerous.

Justice Jaynee LaVecchia noted that "even for an experienced golfer, the course a golf ball takes is often unpredictable through no conscious fault of the golfer."

But, LaVecchia wrote, "this matter must proceed to trial to permit a jury to resolve the disputed facts that encompass allegations of reckless conduct by defendant." *AP*

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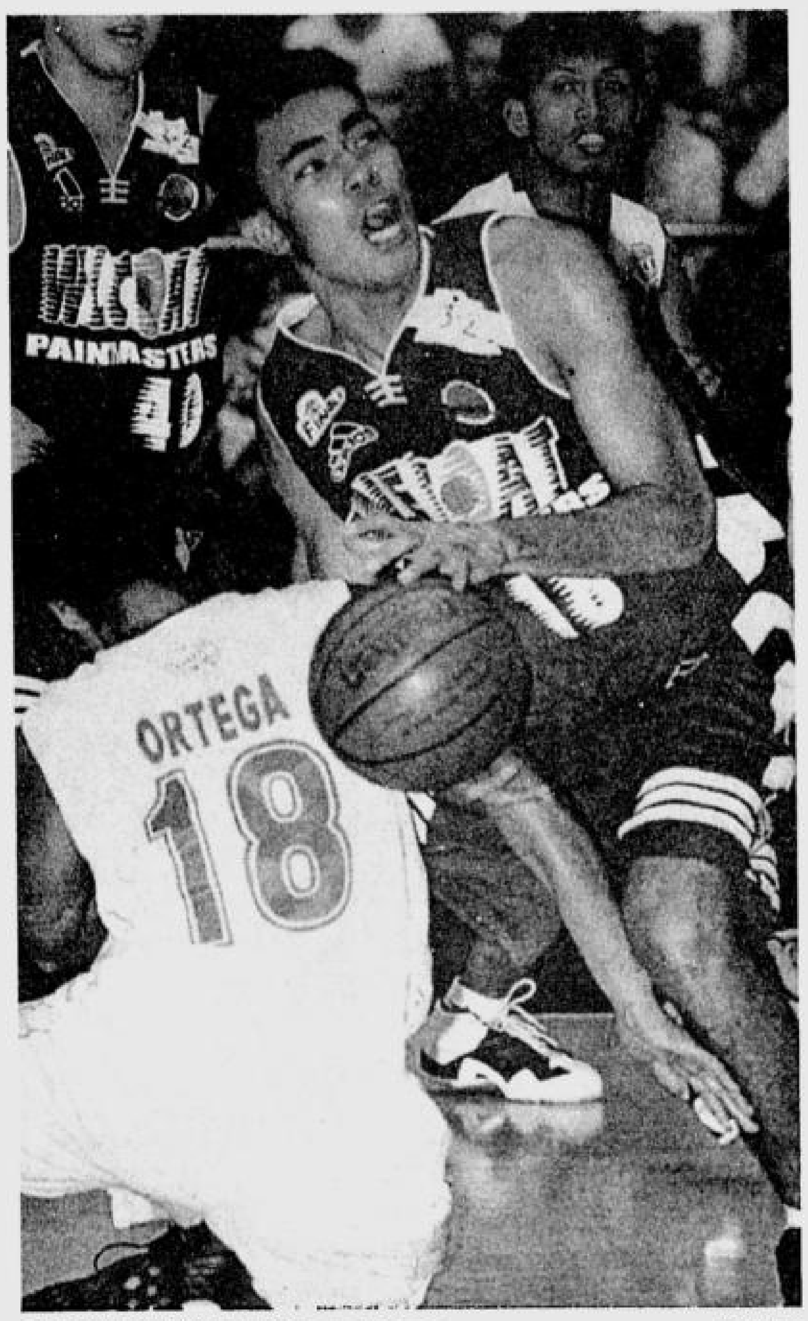
Baculi wants team cohesion



DE OCAMPO (right): RP team slotman. FILE PHOTO

By Dennis Eroa

"THEY used to play against each other. Now they must learn how to play together."

Thus, said new national team coach Junel Baculi when asked to assess the biggest problem confronting the PBL-backed nationals as they prepare to defend the country's title in the Seaba championships which will be held from April 2-7.

Baculi and assistant coaches Leo Austria and Leo Isaac are up against the clock as they eye to mould the nationals into a well-knit squad come the biennial tournament.

Invoking national interest, Commissioner Chino Trinidad gave the go-signal for the PBL participation following the request of BAP President Freddie Jalasco, who had earlier sacked the whole national quintet for "defying authority."

The members of the new national team are: Welcoat's Yancy de Ocampo, Ren Ren Ritualo, Jojo Manalo, Eugene Tan and Celino Cruz; Shark's Chester Tolomia, Gilbert Malabanan, Michael Robinson, Warren Ybañez and Ryzal Castro; Giv Soap's Egay Billones and Marlon Legaspi; Ateneo-Pioneer's Rainier Sison and Rich Alvarez; Gilbert Lao and Jacques Gottenbos of Montaña Jewels.

The team had its first practice yesterday at the RFM gym in Mandaluyong.

"Jelling is our main concern. I remain confident that we can field a highly-competitive team in 10 days. We have the inside and outside power," Baculi said.

Actually, Baculi and Austria will renew their partnership which produced two ABC Champion's Cup titles in 1995 and 1996 plus a lone PBL title.

"I'm excited and enthusiastic. This is a reunion for the good of Philippine basketball," said Baculi, owner of three straight PBL titles as coach of the Paintmasters.

Austria said he fully supports Trinidad's decision to make Baculi the head coach. "I've learned a lot f rom Junel. I'm sure, I'm going to learn more this time," said Austria, who steered the Power Boosters to the Challenge Cup plum with an epic, 4-3, win over the Paintmasters in the best-of-seven championship series.

The team boasts of the Triple Towers composed of 6-foot-9 De Ocampo, 6-foot-6 Ryzal Castro and 6-foot-5 Lao. Also providing muscle is rookie of the year Marlon Legaspi and rebounding demon Rich Alvarez, both standing 6-foot-4.

Baculi will rely on the hot hands of Ritualo, Sison, Manalo and Billones to neutralize the zone defense of their foes. The playmaking chores will be the responsibility of Robinson, Cruz, Ybañez and Tan.

The slashers are Tolomia and Malabanan.

Task Force supervising lady cagers

By June Navarro

THE PHILIPPINE Olympic Committee has put the training of the women's national basketball team under the jurisdiction of the POC Southeast Asian Games Task Force.

This surfaced as Basketball Association of the Philippines president Freddie Jalasco and POC president Celso Dayrit yesterday agreed to closely monitor the development of the women cagers preparing for the Kuala Lumpur SEA Games in September.

"We don't want their efforts be laid to waste like what happened to the men's team," said Jalasco, stressing politics was the culprit behind the dissolution of the men's team, composed mostly of MBA superstars.

Besides from keeping the whole team, Jalasco said the BAP intends to keep Bai Cristobal as head coach.

The POC SEA Games Task Force, temporarily led by bowling's Steve Hontiveros after Jalasco took a leave of absence, will take care of the training needs of the women's team until the controversy between Jalasco and Quintellano "Tiny" Literal is finally buried.

"These players are just being used. They should not be involved in this," said Jalasco.

He disbanded the men's team Monday night after majority of the players voted for Literal as the legitimate BAP leader and replaced it with a PBL selection.

Training incessantly for almost two years, the women's team will test its mettle in the South East Asian Basketball Association women's championship slated next month in Bangkok.

"At least, the women's team is much easier to deal with since the players have no mother team," noted Jalasco, referring to the players who were pulled out of the national team by their mother teams in the MBA.

The MBA announced the other day the league will only allow its players to play for the national team once the leadership row is settled.

Shell foils San Miguel

GAMES TOMORROW
(Araneta Coliseum)
5:15 p.m. – Mobiline vs Tanduay
7:30 p.m. – Sta. Lucia vs Purefoods

By Marc Anthony Reyes

SHELL Velocity worked its way up from 20 points down, dragged San Miguel Beer into overtime before posting a hard-earned 80-73 win last night in the PBA All-Filipino Cup at Philsports.

The Turbochargers, fighting without the recovering Benjie Paras, displayed enough perseverance to overcome everything the Beermen could throw at them and share the top spot with SMB and Red Bull at 6-3.

"It was like climbing Mt. Everest," said Shell coach Perry Ronquillo. "We came all the way from the bottom to take the win."

Chris Jackson led that spectacular rise, drilling in three three-pointers in overtime aside from making things miserable for SMB top gun Danny Ildefonso.

"We've been very patient, especially in the 'fourth quarter," said Ronquillo. "And good things happen when you persevere. The thing is, you can't question the hearts of my players."

It wasn't only heart they showed last night, the Turbochargers also displayed a lot of brains in dodging the Beermen's awesome forces every step of the way.

Jackson finished with 17 points, 19 rebounds, a career-high seven steals and four assists, while Mark Telan had 12 points, 12 rebounds and a personal-best six blocks.

Pop Cola ripped Barangay Ginebra, 100-84, in the second game to improve to 5-4 and tie the Gin Kings.

Scores:

SHELL 80 – Wainwright 19, Jackson 17, Marzan 13, Telan 12, Singson 11, Esplana 8, Lim 0, Dela Cruz 0, Hrabak 0.

SMB 73 – Seigle 27, Racela 14, Ildefonso 12, Belasco 6, Duat 6, Abuda 4, Gamboa 2, Victoria 2, Mente 0.

Quarters: 5-18, 16-33, 41-53, 65-65, 80-73

PSC keen on fielding Beermen in SEAG

By June Navarro

CHAIRMAN Carlos Tuason yesterday said the Philippine Sports Commission is more inclined on fielding a PBA team than a selection of players coming from the Philippine Basketball League to don the national colors in the Kuala Lumpur Southeast Asian Games.

Tuason said hoopsters from the country's premiere professional cage league already possess cohesion not found in any basketball selection squad in the country.

Tuason singled out San Miguel Beer, winningest PBA squad in the last two years, as the worthiest bet for the SEA Games slated in September.

"It will drastically lessen the financial burden of the PSC for the SEA Games," said Tuason. "Not only that, teamwork and cohesion won't be a problem since San Miguel is already an intact team."

San Miguel, he added, has definitely deeper pockets in terms of funding since the team is owned by businessman Danding Cojuangco.

The PSC estimated the SEA Games budget to skyrocket to as much as P100 million with P20 million going to the actual games.

PBA commissioner Jun Bernardino hatched the idea Tuesday, saying the league will explore fielding in its players in the SEA Games.

He also reiterated the league's commitment to support the men's national basketball team financially and morally.

Tuason also noted the PBL selection, majority of which are collegiate stalwarts, faces scheduling problems once the top collegiate leagues such as the UAAP and NCAA open shop.

"The schedule would probably pose a problem but I hope the PBL and the BAP could work things out so as not to hamper the preparation of the team," said Tuason.

Horse riding meets canceled due to FMD

PARIS—This weekend's horse riding events in France were canceled Tuesday after the country's first cases of foot and mouth disease were discovered.

Events scheduled for March 16-18 were called off, the French Horse Riding Federation announced in a statement on its Web site.

The organizers of a major showjumping event in Grenoble scheduled for this weekend scrapped the competition last week after a partial transportation ban on horses was introduced amid an earlier alert over foot-and-mouth.

But most horse racing events scheduled for the next few days would go ahead as planned, said France Galop, the main organizing body for the sport in France.

Racing was not allowed in two regions, Mayenne in the northwest where the outbreak occurred and neighboring Orne, France Galop's chief veterinary officer Dr. Roland Devolz told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

A trotting race scheduled for Wednesday in Laval, Mayenne, would be moved to Vincennes, near Paris, Devolz said.

No time limit was set for the racing ban in the two regions but Devolz said he expected the measure to last until the end of March.

Several races were canceled last week due to the partial transportation ban on horses. Horses can only move within France under strict conditions but are allowed to travel between France and Britain where there has been a major outbreak of the disease.

Horses cannot fall ill from foot-and-mouth disease but they can help spread the virus.

Earlier Tuesday an Agriculture Ministry statement said tests confirmed that cows on a farm in Mayenne had contracted foot-and-mouth disease.

The ministry said the cows belonged to a farm that was near one which had imported British sheep in February. Tests confirmed two cases from an herd of 114 cattle on the farm. All 114 cows were destroyed, it said, and their carcasses were to be incinerated. *AP*

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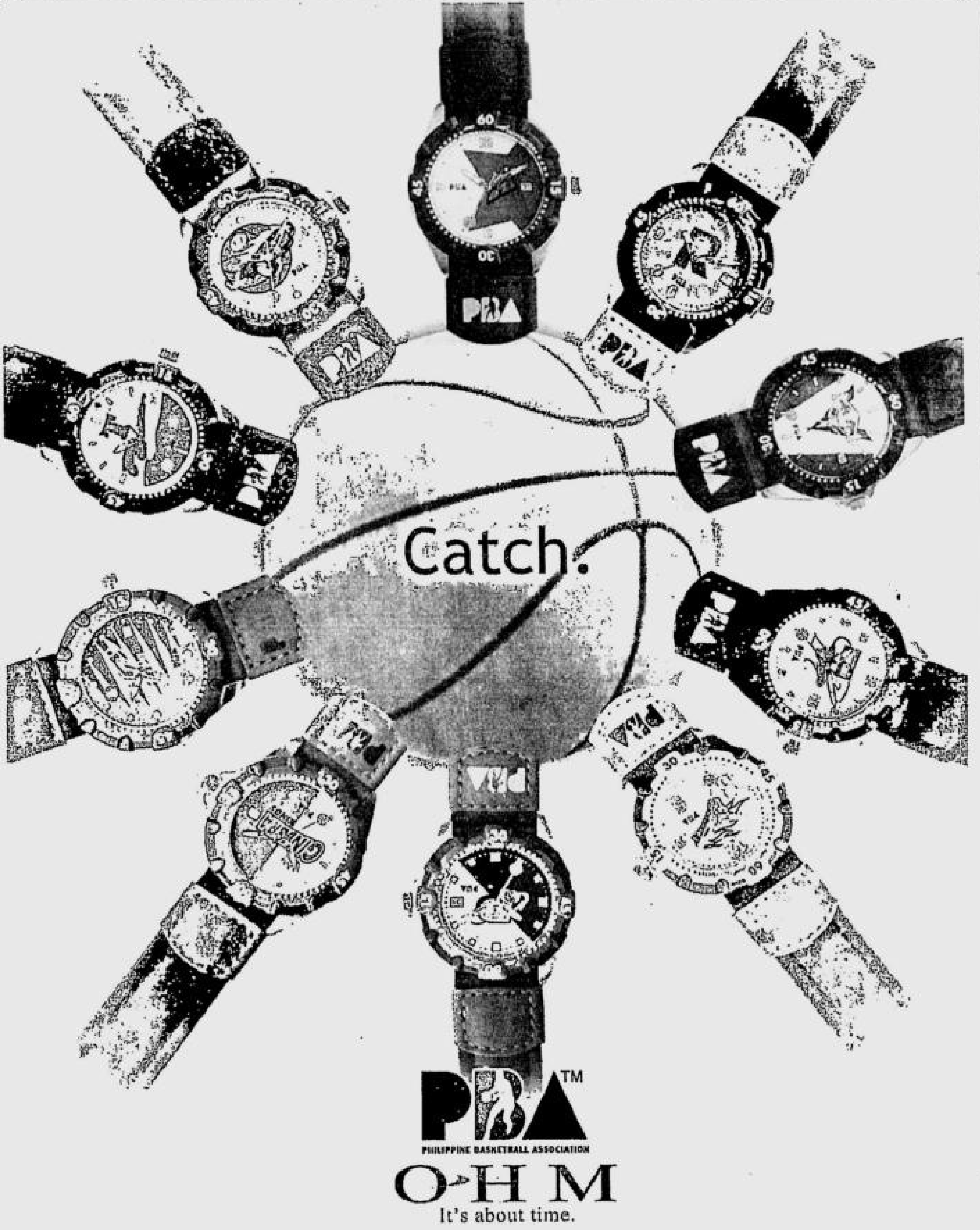

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Golfing architects get support

MEMBERS of the Architects Golf Club received a pledge yesterday from Boysen's Paul Ung to continue supporting the club's golf tournaments for 2001. Present during the contract signing are the AGC executive board led by president Mon S. Mendoza. The architects have lined up several events this year, culminating in the grand tournament in November at Sta. Elena, the club's traditional home.

SPORTS

AL S. MENDOZA, Editor EDWIN M. VILLANUEVA, Assistant Editor

RFM venue of cage camp

THE 2001 Nike Basketball Camp will be held from April 23 to May 2 at the RFM Sports Center in Mandaluyong City, Auty Villarama announced. American mentor Kirk Collier and Shell Turbochargers' coach Perry Ronquillo will team up with a stellar cast of PBA players and coaches for the occasion, which is now on its fifth year. Other camps are slated in Cebu, Baguio and Davao. Call 643-31-54 or 747-1335 for details.

RP Team trips Korean quintet

Michael Jordan to play again A18

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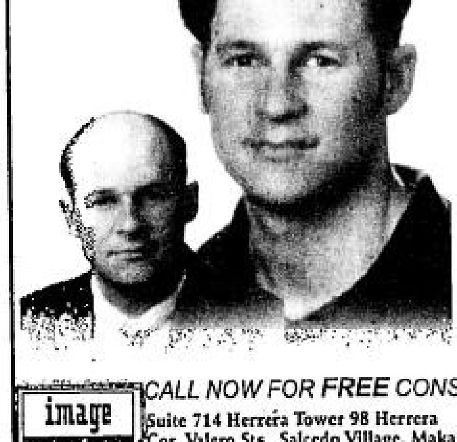

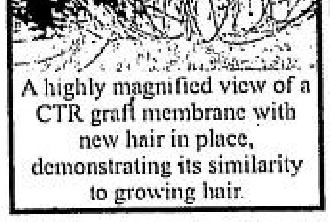

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GAMES TODAY *(Camp Vicente Lim)*
2 p.m.—Wangs vs Cebu Lhuillier
3:30 p.m.—RP Men's vs Laguna

By Roy Luarca

CALAMBA, Laguna—The Philippine men's team outgunned Joonang University of South Korea from long range yesterday and proceeded to tally a 97-92 victory in the 1st Bert Lina-Jam Mercado Battle of Champions at the Camp Vicente Lim Gym here.

With Chris Calaguio at the helm, the Nationals buried 12 triples against the Koreans' en route to their second straight win and the solo lead in the five-team tournament.

Barely flexing their muscles, the Nationals of coach Boyzie Zamar routed Wangs Ball Club of Mandaluyong, 93-77, in the inaugurals on Tuesday.

Calaguio pumped in 28 points, highlighted by seven triples, as he and fellow San Juan Knights Omanzie Rodriguez and Chito Victolero were given the go-*+-+signal to join the Philippine team by Knights owner Sandy Javier.

The Koreans, four-time National University Games champion, back home went down fighting and threatened for the last time at 86-84.

A 7-point cluster triggered by Calaguio's seventh triple, however, sealed the outcome that handed Joonang its first setback after beating the Laguna Lakers, 91-84, also Tuesday.

Riding on 6-foot-9 Kim Joo Sung, one of three national players in the fold, the Koreans last led at 70-69 before Stephen Padilla, Rodriguez, Calaguio and Adducul countered with 10 straight points.

Kim lost his composure in the wake of Adducul's tight guarding and committed two straight fouls that forced the Korean coach to take him out in the last six minutes.

RP 97—Calaguio 28, Adducul 19, Padilla 11, Ferriols 13, Laure 4, Rodriguez 4, De la Rosa 4, Se 3, Tierra 3, Victolero 3, Echavez 2.

JOONANG 92—Kim JS 25, Song 21, Suk 19, Kim 7, Park 6, Park S 4, Song WH 6.

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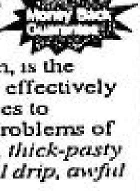

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Junior netfest listing

REGISTRATION is ongoing for the Philta Juniors Tennis Classic 2 slated March 17-18 and March 23-25 at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Center.

Events on tap in the Group 2 event are boys and girls 21-under, 18-under, 16-under, 14-under, 12-under and unisex 10-under.

Deadline of entry is on March 15 at 12 noon. Entry fee is P200.

The two-weekend tournament will also serve as tuneup for local players competing in the Mitsubishi International Juniors Championships set April 1-8.

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BASKETBALL: TIVO NIT Tournament, First Round at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on ESPN

NBA – Minnesota Timberwolves vs San Antonio Spurs at 5:30 p.m. on IBC 13

TENNIS: ATP Citrix Tennis Championships, Semifinals at 2 p.m. (r), Finals tomorrow at 12:30 a.m. on Star Sports

Masters Series (Indian Wells), Early Round Coverage Day #3 at 5 p.m. on ESPN

GOLF: PGA - The Honda Classic, Final Round at 8 a.m. (r), Tour Highlights at 11:30 p.m. on Star Sports

This is the PGA Tour at 1 p.m. (r) on Star Sports

HOCKEY: NHL - New York Rangers vs Buffalo Sabres tomorrow at 12:30 a.m. on ESPN

TRACK AND FIELD: IAAF Indoor Grand Prix (Gent) at 6 p.m. (r) on Star Sports

WRESTLING: WCW Nitro at 9:30 p.m. on Star Sports

MOTOR SPORTS: International Motorsport News 2001 at 10 a.m. (r) on Star Sports

SBK World Superbikes Championship 2001 at 11 a.m. (r) on Star Sports

In the Driver's Seat at 12:30 p.m. (r) on ESPN

SOCCER: Western Union World Football at 7 p.m. on ESPN

Football Focus at 7:30 p.m. (r) on ESPN

UEFA Champions League at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. (r) on ESPN

Futbol Mundial at 9 p.m. on Star Sports

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LOUIE C. CAMINO, Editor

Plan to scrap color-coding opposed by NGO A22

Don't give up, GMA tells Maynilad

By Armand N. Nocum

PRESIDENT Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has ordered a thorough study of the problems besetting the Maynilad Water Services Inc. to avert a water crisis that could affect millions of water consumers in Metro Manila.

The President also advised the private water company to go slow in its plans to give up and return the 25-year concession rights to the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) if it continued to suffer financial problems.

"The President has asked them (Maynilad) to put such plan on hold," presidential spokesperson Renato Corona said in a radio interview. "We should first study this matter closely and look for other alternatives."

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A resident uses the good old neighborhood "fire extinguisher," a pail of water, to douse the flames eating up homes at the corner of Cabrera and Bautista streets in Pasay City. When the smoke cleared, more than 30 houses had been gutted.

PTV-4 man slain by robbers in QC

By Andrea Trinidad-Echavez

A DRIVER-CAMERAMAN of the government-owned PTV-4 was stabbed dead Tuesday night when he tried to fight off two robbers in Quezon City.

Tomas Edora, 41, was stabbed 11 times and died where he fell in front of the Department of Agrarian Reform building on Elliptical Road, said Central Police District investigators.

As of yesterday, police still had no clues as to the identity of Edora's attackers.

Police said Edora was waiting for a ride in front of the DAR at about 11:20 p.m. Tuesday when two men, both armed with improvised knives, approached him.

Ebora reportedly put up a fight but he was overpowered. The robbers allegedly took turns stabbing him until he was dead, police said.

The robbers then fled with Ebora's personal belongings and wallet containing cash, police said.

Ebora had been with the government-owned TV network since 1987 and was the second PTV employee to die violently.

Two years ago, another cameraman was shot dead during a heist at a convenience store on Tandang Sora.

PTV management yesterday said it would give P45,000 in assistance to Ebora's family.

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Patient cries rape after dentist fails to show up at wedding

By Agnes E. Donato

A DENTIST who failed to show up for his civil wedding is now facing rape charges filed against him by his young "bride."

The 20-year-old woman, of Karangalan Village, Barangay Manggahan, Pasig, told Pasig police she would not have filed rape charges against dentist Salvador Pecson if he had fulfilled his promise to marry her after she first accused him of rape on Jan. 25.

The woman filed her first complaint at Police Precinct 3 in Karangalan Village.

She said that during their confrontation at the precinct, she and

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Rich kids suspected in Parañaque killing

By Michael Lim Ubac and Alcuin Papa

SCIONS of wealthy families are strongly suspected to be behind the rape and murder of a young woman whose naked body was found Sunday beside a creek in San Antonio Village, Parañaque City, according to the National Bureau of Investigation.

Even the Parañaque Police believed that the young men who abducted, raped and killed Claudine Mabelle Feliciano, 21, of Ferrari Drive, Camella Homes in Sucat, Parañaque, were well-off since they used cars to prey on their victims.

One Parañaque police official who asked not to be named said

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Armida: Erap not financing my campaign

By Leah Salterio

CONGRESSIONAL candidate and former censors chief Armida Siguion-Reyna yesterday denied talk that former President Joseph Estrada is financing her election campaign.

Siguion-Reyna, who is running for congresswoman in the first district of Makati City under the Partido ng Masang Pilipino (PMP), yesterday said it is her husband, lawyer Leonardo Siguion-Reyna, and other private individuals who will bankroll her campaign.

"My husband is financing my campaign," Siguion-Reyna told the Inquirer. "I am also fortunate enough to enjoy the support of friends who believe in my cause and they are also helping finance my campaign."

Siguion-Reyna said she is not getting any financial support from PMP or Estrada.

"I will not even ask for it," she said. "He (Estrada) has so many problems at the moment and he is really in deep trouble. You're heartless if you go to him and ask for financial support to sustain your campaign."

The former actress and film producer also clarified it was not Estrada who convinced her to run for public office.

"He was even surprised when I told him I was running in Makati," she said. "My friends in and out of show biz had been prodding me to enter politics for a long time, although I have not had any formal offer from political parties."

Siguion-Reyna is running against newspaper publisher-editor and TV host Teddy Boy Locsin.

"I'm running against him because I am sure in this case, there won't be any mudslinging," she said. "Losing will be almost just like winning. The ultimate choice won't be between the devil and the deep blue sea, but between one who's good and one who's better."

She said that having served as chair of the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) reawakened her political consciousness.

"What I did at MTRCB for two and a half years was public service and I liked it," she said. "But that was limited to movies and TV, the filmmakers and the movie industry."

She also considers her 30 years on TV's musical program, "Aawitan Kita," as public service.

"I'm the only one who produces that kind of show and it continues to air even if it's not making money," she said.

Her government tenure as MTRCB chair prevents Siguion-Reyna from engaging in any business for a year. Since she cannot return to film production under the family-owned Reyna Films, she decided to give politics a try.

"I think I was born to be a workaholic," she said. "I cannot stay idle."

Asked why she didn't run for senator, Siguion-Reyna said, "That will take a lot of work. It means campaigning all over the country. The Philippines is too big for me.

"Besides, if I wanted to run for senator, I should have started working on that last year. I should have had a talk show or a radio show."

Compartmentalized justice in Tan's case

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo

WHAT'S good for the goose must be good for the gander.

Not in the mind of Ombudsman Aniano Desierto. I'm talking about two almost similar cases involving two different personalities.

One involves Bienvenido Tan who, judging from his supporters, seems to be an honest man. Tan was recently convicted by the Sandiganbayan for graft for having entered into a compromise settlement with San Miguel Corp. The other case involves Liwayway Vinzons-Chato whose case, according to some newspaper articles, was dismissed by the Office of the Ombudsman.

Mr. Desierto, please say the report about Chato's case being dismissed by your office is not true.

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The Chato case stemmed from the July 10, 1996 compromise settlement wherein RCA, a US firm with a branch office in the Philippines, was allowed to pay the government only P263 million out of a tax assessment of P830 million. The deal was apparently disadvantageous to the government that was shortchanged by about P566 million, which would have been collected if the settlement had not been negotiated.

The assessment was passed on to the Court of Tax Appeals. When this happens, it means an assessment is final. When a decision is handed down by the tax appellate court, only the finance secretary has the authority to go into compromise settlements.

But guess what? Even before the Court of Tax Appeals decided on the case, Chato, as internal revenue commissioner, went ahead and made a compromise settlement. She had no authority to make a compromise because the case was already being heard by the Court of Tax Appeals, according to my sources at the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

That deal was illegal and irregular for 1) not having had the finance secretary's approval, and 2) for violating a BIR circular requiring cases like this to be resolved by the courts, my BIR sources said.

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You cannot have a set of standards for Bienvenido Tan, and another for Liwayway Vinzons Chato, a senatorial candidate.

The Office of the Ombudsman should recall the dismissal order in Chato's case to avoid suspicions that the government is playing favorites.

Chato's case is very similar to that of Tan who was sentenced to 15 years in prison. If Chato's case is pursued objectively, she can also be meted out the same number of years.

I'm sure Desierto overlooked Chato's case.

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Lt. Gen. Jose Calimlim, Armed Forces vice chief of staff, has wangled from the Macapagal administration an appointment as anti-smuggling czar. This is the same job he held when Erap was still president. Erap, however, dismissed Calimlim after he received reports of abuses committed by Calimlim and his men in Task Force Aduana.

Reliable sources said the military's No. 2 honcho was given back the anti-smuggling post to appease him after he was not appointed AFP chief of staff.

But his powers as anti-smuggling czar this time around are not absolute. He and his men will have to coordinate with Bureau of Customs officials before apprehending cargoes coming from the piers and the Ninoy Aquino International Airport. In fact, some customs employees will go with Calimlim's men in making apprehensions.

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During the unlamented Erap administration, Calimlim made apprehensions of cargoes even if they had been cleared by the customs bureau. This resulted in the slowdown of business as essential imported items did not reach their destinations on time.

Calimlim and his men rode roughshod over the human rights of the citizenry. Riding helicopters and armored personnel carriers, Calimlim's men from the military intelligence service raided a barangay in Ilocos Sur where the livelihood of residents consisted of selling second-hand imported motorcycles.

But Calimlim was selective in making apprehensions. Shipments of importers who were friends of Erap's children and mistresses were left untouched by Calimlim's men.

There must be something we don't know about the anti-smuggling post that made Calimlim move heaven and earth to get it back.

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Okay, here's a tip to Calimlim as soon as he takes over his reacquired post:

Five to six ships unloaded their cargo of smuggled rice in Mindanao.

The rice cargo is not touched by customs people in Mindanao.

Why? Because a certain supervisor of the Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service (CIIS) allegedly receives P5 for each sack of smuggled rice.

Why don't you look into that, Mr. Calimlim?

Malonzo to sue tabloid

By Christian V. Esguerra

IS there really a hate campaign against Caloocan City Mayor Reynaldo Malonzo?

His political rivals, the Asistio brothers, think he is just imagining things "since his reputation has long been demolished because of his own doing."

Malonzo thinks otherwise. The reelectionist mayor said he would file libel charges against a tabloid for spearheading the Asistios' supposed demolition job against him.

Malonzo said he would file a multimillion-peso criminal suit against People's Brigada, a three-year-old tabloid that called him thief in its March 9 issue.

"For sure, the Asistios are behind this," Malonzo told the Inquirer. "This is part of the demolition job against me this election."

Malonzo's campaign picture was splashed on the front page of the tabloid last Friday, with the title "*Magnanakaw* (thief)" in red letters.

The story claimed that more than 10 million residents had revealed to Brigada that Malonzo pocketed the city's amusement tax collection from April to June 1998.

The tabloid also reported that Malonzo and the Ramos administration got "millions" from the allegedly spurious sale of a city property to Gotesco Grand Central.

The story was not credited to any reporter.

Malonzo claimed that owners of the tabloid distributed copies all over the city without requiring vendors to remit proceeds. Each copy is P6.

Ike Enriquez, Brigada managing editor, denied Malonzo's allegations. "Whenever he's under fire, his usual excuse is that the allegations against him are politically motivated," he said.

"The article was strictly evaluated by the editors," Enriquez added. We have documents to support the issue. We're fighting for the truth here."

Enriquez said his paper is also preparing to file theft charges against Malonzo for allegedly confiscating copies of the tabloid.

Rich kids suspected . . .

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the suspects had to be rich because they had access to exclusive and well-guarded subdivisions in the city.

He said it was apparent that the crime was premeditated because the suspects knew what to do with her as soon as they abducted her.

They also did not hold her for a long time.

"They had a plan," the same official said. "They didn't waste time dumping the body."

The NBI's Special Action Unit stepped into the case when it learned that the victim was not only strangled to death, she was also shot after she was raped.

Already, the Southern Police District has come up with a sketch of one of the suspects.

Police also confirmed that Feliciano's killers were the same ones who tried to abduct Janet Balis, 25, in Para□aque early morning Sunday.

The four suspects who tried to abduct Balis used Feliciano's car, a black 1996 Mazda 323 (URN-855), said Supt. Wilbur Naldo, chief of the District Intelligence and Investigation Division.

Makati police on Monday found the Mazda abandoned on Lapu-Lapu Street, Barangay Bangkal, Makati about 11:30 a.m.

Naldo said Balis was able to provide them a description of the car, the license plate number and a description of one of the suspects, who is now the subject of a manhunt.

Lawyer Edmund Arugay, chief of the NBI Special Action Unit, immediately dispatched his men to the creek where the woman's body was found after the victim's father, Rolando Feliciano, sought the help of the NBI.

The Para□aque police autopsy report showed that Feliciano bore a gunshot wound on her right arm and strangulation marks on her neck.

Forensic experts also found sperm samples in the victim's genitals, indicating that at least two men raped her.

Feliciano was reported missing on Saturday night by her parents.

Rolando Feliciano said it was past 11 p.m. when he talked to his daughter for the last time. She called by cell phone and told her father she was taking one of her friends, Myra Katrina Dacanay, to her home in Camella, Ayala Alabang.

On Sunday at about 9:15 a.m., her dead body was found in the creek, her hands bound by a piece of cloth.

Police have yet to determine if the cloth was part of Felicianos' attire.

Also on Sunday at about 3 a.m., four men tried to kidnap Balis while she was waiting for a ride near the Multinational Village on Imelda Avenue.

Balis shouted for help when four men tried to force her into a waiting car, which turned out to be Feliciano's Mazda.

Her shouting attracted the attention of roving barangay watchmen who quickly came to her rescue.

Aside from the NBI, the Para□aque Criminal Investigation Division is also working with the SPD DIID and the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group to solve the murder.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Thursday, March 15, 2001
2nd Week of Lent

1st Reading: Jer 17:5-10
Gospel: Lk 16:19-31

Jesus said to his disciples, "Once there was a rich man who dressed in purple and fine linen and feasted every day. At his gate lay Lazarus, a poor man covered with sores, who longed to eat just the scraps falling from the rich man's table. Even dogs used to come and lick his sores. It happened that the poor man died and angels carried him to take his place with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. From hell where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham afar off, and with him Lazarus at rest.

He called out: 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus with the tip of his finger dipped in water to cool my tongue, for I suffer so much in this fire.'

Abraham replied: "My son, remember that in your lifetime you were well-off while the lot of Lazarus was misfortune. Now he is in comfort and you are in agony. But that is not all. Between your place and ours a great chasm has been fixed, so that no one can cross over from here to you or from your side to us."

The rich man implored once more: "Then I beg you, Father Abraham, to send Lazarus to my father's house where my five brothers live. Let him warn them so that they may not end up in this place of torment." Abraham replied: "They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them." But the rich man said: "No, Father Abraham. But if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent."

Abraham said: "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the grave."

Commentary:

Lent should open our eyes more widely to the gross injustice afflicting the vast population of our country and the rest of the Third World. Such a situation especially in so-called Christian countries after almost 2000 years of Christianity is an indictment of the type of Christian living handed on from generation to generation. The word that has been proclaimed can be heard only by an open mind-heart and not by one enchanted by the grip of the anti-God Mammon, that is doomed to decay. Truly, "more tortuous is the human heart, beyond remedy, who can understand it?" In which God do we really trust?

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SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

CIVIL LAW (PROPERTY)—Co-ownership—Under Art. 484 of the Civil Code, there is co-ownership whenever the ownership of an undivided things or right belongs to different persons. There is no co-ownership when the different portions owned by different people are already concretely determined and separately identifiable, even if not yet technically described. This situation makes inapplicable the provision on the right of redemption of a co-owner in the Civil Code, Art. 1623. Co-owners with actual notice of the sale are not entitled to written notice. A written notice is a formal requisite to make certain their right of redemption within the limited period of 30 days. But were the co-owners had actual notice of the sale at the time thereof and/or afterwards, a written notice of a fact already known to them, would be superfluous. The statue does not demand what is unnecessary. [Citations omitted.] [Justice Quisumbing, Second Division, Spouses Si v. Court of Appeals, G.R. No. 122047, October 12, 2000]

Digest by R.B. Vera

Don't give up . . .

(From page A21)

In a news briefing with Malacañang reporters, Maynilad president Rafael Alunan III confirmed that the President indeed gave such a directive during a meeting with officials of the water firm and the Cabinet at the Palace on Tuesday.

"They want this to be resolved," Alunan told reporters. They want a win-win situation."

Maynilad earlier asked the MWSS to allow it to effect an automatic currency exchange rate adjustment (CERA) to help the firm to cut losses incurred due to the depreciation of the peso against the dollar between 1997 and 2000.

MWSS has yet to act on the Maynilad request, forcing Maynilad to bring the matter to Malaca□ang.

Last week, Maynilad suspended the payment of concession fees to the MWSS.

Corona said that since the granting of Cera would necessitate a water rate increase, there is a need to review the issue thoroughly.

"Until now, the government has not allowed them to raise the price of water, that is why they were forced to declare a force majeure," Corona said of Maynilad.

He said the government is trying to find other means of solving the problem other than Maynilad giving up its concession rights.

He admitted that such a scenario is not good for the government.

"Let's see what can be done about this," he said. "It is not easy for us to re-bid the water concession after Maynilad shall have given it up," he said. "It is a long and complicated process to have another bidding for the water concession, considering that it is a big concession."

Earlier, Alagad party-list Rep. Diogenes Osabel warned that if worse comes to worst, Maynilad might be forced to give up and return the private utility firm's 25-year concession rights to the government or entirely close down.

Osabel, an urban poor legislator, warned that "without financial recovery, it would be most difficult for Maynilad to continue to expand its services, especially to the poor who need it most."

"We must come to the rescue of Maynilad before our water service in the metropolis is compromised," he said.

Osabel and 76 other House members had earlier filed a resolution urging the MWSS to "expeditiously act on the pending request of Maynilad for an automatic Cera."

Plan to scrap color coding opposed by NGO

By Agnes E. Donato

A NON-GOVERNMENT organization has come to the defense of the color-coding scheme, saying no better traffic scheme could take its place if the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority scrapped it.

The Movement for Efficient Traffic and Road Order (Metro) made the defense following reports that the MMDA has been planning to lift the color coding program now that the Metro Rail Transit is already operational.

But MMDA chair Benjamin Abalos maintained that the MMDA had no plans of scrapping the scheme in the immediate future, considering the number of flyover constructions being done in various parts of the metropolis.

"We would probably consider lifting the color coding ban if the traffic is already really smooth," Abalos said. "But at present, the MMDA will continue pushing for the strict implementation of existing traffic rules and regulations."

In a letter to Abalos, Metro president Antonio Villegas attributed to the unified vehicle volume reduction program, or color-coding scheme, the easing of traffic jams in the metropolis.

"(Through the color-coding scheme), Metro Manila benefited (from) a 20 percent reduction in the number of vehicles plying the (streets)," Villegas said.

He pointed out that lifting the color coding ban would only aggravate the already "sad" state of traffic, which arises from such problems as laxity in regulating terminals along major thoroughfares and unsynchronized traffic lights, among others.

"Because of (these) existing traffic problems, I not only disagree with lifting the ban but even strongly recommend a strong and rigid observance of the color code scheme until a more improved scheme can substitute for it," Villegas said.

Suicide case not closed yet

By Alcuin Papa

THE death of an elderly Japanese consultant who reportedly committed suicide in Taguig last week is not yet closed, police said yesterday.

A police source said investigators were looking at other angles in the death of Mitsuo Tsutumi, 75, consultant of Well Drilling Co. and a resident of the Agro-Industrial Commercial Estate at the FTI Complex in Western Bicutan, Taguig.

Initial investigation showed that Tsutumi shot himself in the head with a .22 caliber pistol about 8:30 p.m. on March 8 while drinking with Angelo Cachero, 22, an employee of the same company, in Tsutumi's room.

Police said they were looking at the possibility that the gun that killed Tsutumi might have gone off accidentally or that he was murdered.

Sources said paraffin tests conducted on the victim showed negative results. But one investigator said the morgue might have accidentally or carelessly cleared the victim's hands of powder burns.

The source said Cachero tested positive for powder burns because the employee claimed Tsutumi gave him his gun "for testing."

Police said Tsutumi had wanted to divorce his Japanese wife to marry a secretary of one of the other firm's consultants. Tsutumi had already proposed and formally asked Gonzales' parents for her hand in marriage, police said.

But Tsutumi's wife had refused to sign the divorce papers for fear that her state pension would be cut off. This made Tsutumi depressed, police said.

"We are going deeper in the investigation of this case to find out the real cause of death," said a police officer. "We are leaving nothing to chance. We are just waiting for additional lab reports."

He added that Cachero, who was taken into custody and later released for lack of evidence, is still considered a suspect in the death of the Japanese.

Patient cries rape . . .

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Pecson agreed to get married on Jan. 29. But Pecson did not show up at the wedding so her family scheduled another confrontation with him at the police station on March 12, she said.

Pecson again did not show up for the second confrontation. This prompted the woman to file rape charges against him, police said.

Pecson allegedly first abused the woman when she went to his dental clinic to have a tooth pulled out on May 4, 2000, according to SPO1 Rogelio Villanueva.

She told police that Pecson threatened to kill her if she told anybody about the rape, which scared her, and made her keep her silence.

But she said that when she was walking along Kapisanan Road in Karangalan Village on the night of Dec. 27, Pecson suddenly alighted from a van and ordered her at knifepoint to get inside the vehicle. She alleged that Pecson brought her to his clinic where she claimed he raped her for the second time.

A month after the alleged rapes, the woman said she finally told her mother. This led to their confrontation before police where Pecson was said to have agreed to marry her so she would not file rape charges against him.

Dad proposes ban on hunting city birds

By Jerome Aning

THIS ONE'S for the birds.

Ornithologists, bird lovers and even the birds themselves may have a reason to rejoice now that a Manila councilor has filed a proposed ordinance seeking to prohibit the hunting and trapping of birds, or any acts of cruelty against all birds found in the city, whether resident or migratory.

Manila 6th district Councilor Patrick Ocampo said he filed the bird bill after he was horrified by the sight of young people, armed with snares and slingshots, who killed and crippled mayas and other birds in city parks and other urban greenery pockets.

The councilor also said he had gone to many petshops in the city and found that mayas and other small birds were dyed in bright and unnatural colors to attract buyers.

Once approved, the ordinance would fine violators a maximum of P500, jail them for not more than two days, or both if the court decides.

Ocampo said many species of birds found in the city are dwindling in number and need protection because they have learned to lay eggs and rear their young in nests built on rooftops, building eaves, and even junk vehicles.

There are also many migrant birds, which fly through the city in search of food and suitable climate, that are killed or maimed by hunters and gun enthusiasts.

There is a need to protect the city's feathered inhabitants because [illegible] reminds us of the concrete and asphalt jungle...that we have made out of a once lush paradise," according to Ocampo.

"No matter how small, there is wildlife in our midst and this is what's important," he added.

During the council's session, the lawmakers referred Ocampo's bill to the committees on laws and on environmental protection and ecological preservation.

The committees were also tasked to study Ocampo's proposal vis-à-vis the Animal Welfare Act passed by Congress two years ago. This would determine if the bill could be merged with similar pending ordinances asking for the protection of the domestic and wild animals still found in the city.

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HUNGRY FOR FAIRNESS
Edgardo Micua, an employee of the Jose Fabella Hospital, goes on a hunger strike at the main gate of the government-owned hospital in Manila. He and other hospital workers are protesting allegedly unfair practices by hospital management.

Councilor charged with falsification

A MALABON councilor has been criminally charged before the town's prosecutor's office for allegedly falsifying public documents five years ago.

The Office of the Ombudsman last week filed a case against Councilor Consuelo Pili for allegedly using fake invoices to purchase medical equipment worth more than P40,000 in September 1995.

Ombudsman Prosecutor Evangeline Grafil recommended bail of P24,000 for Pili's temporary liberty.

The charges stemmed from a complaint filed by another Malabon councilor, Edilbeto Torres, in 1995.

In a 10-page resolution, Torres alleged that Pili misrepresented the purchase of medical items from Marquez Enterprises, using invoice No. 0644 for P20,570 and official receipt No. 0554 for P20,000.

The items were supposed to be donated to the town's health department in celebration of Philippine Councilor's Week, organized by the municipal council's general services committee which was then headed by Pili, records showed.

But in a counter-affidavit, Pili denied the allegations, claiming she did not make the purchases and that she merely "sponsored the program (Councilor's Week)."

The Ombudsman made an inquiry and learned that Marquez Enterprises dealt primarily in electrical equipment, not medical supplies.

Prosecutors also found out that Marquez Enterprises issued the supposedly falsified receipts for P2,397 and P270,033.55 not to the Malabon town council but to the National Power Corp.

Christian V. Esguerra

Amok shot dead by cop

A DRUNKEN man who went amuck in Sta. Cruz, Manila Tuesday afternoon was shot to death by a policeman whom he allegedly stabbed Tuesday afternoon.

SPO1 Edwin Alarcio, 39, of the Western Police District Station 3, surrendered himself after the shooting and submitted himself for investigation to homicide authorities.

The victim, Rodolfo Opada, a resident of Maria Clara Street in Sta. Cruz, died on arrival at the Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center. He suffered several gunshot wounds.

SPO1 Alarcio said Opada repeatedly banged on the gate of his residence on Kalimbas Street, also in Sta. Cruz, around 4 p.m. Tuesday. He said Opada, who was brandishing a fan knife, cursed him and said, "I will kill you!"

The policemen said he went out and introduced himself to Opada as a policeman. He said that when Opada did not listen, he went back to his house and got his service firearm.

While SPO1 Alarcio was in his house, Opada somehow managed to enter the gate. The policeman said Opada lunged at him and wounded him on the left upper arm.

SPO1 Alarcio said he fired a warning shot to scare Opada but the latter continued to lunge at him. He opened fire at Opada.

The policeman brought the victim to the hospital and surrendered himself, his gun and the fan knife to authorities.

Jerome Aning

Volunteers needed

A NON-PROFIT organization engaged in uplifting the plight of children of the street and urban poor communities needs 220 volunteers to participate in its summer workshop project that will benefit more than 1,600 children from Welfareville, Mandaluyong and barangays Sto. Tomas and San Nicolas.

Unang Hakbang Foundation, which maintains community-based centers in two barangays and a drop-in center for street children at the St. Francis de Assisi Parish church on Shaw Boulevard in Mandaluyong, will hold "Talon, Takbo, Likha," a six-week program of activities for children ages 6 to 16 from April 16 to May 26.

The activities are basketball and volleyball clinics, introduction to taekwondo and arnis, art and dance classes, and a storytelling workshop. Supporting UHF are the Philippine Taekwondo Association, the Angono Artists Association, Adarna Books and Museo Pambata.

Volunteers are expected to assist in these activities on a full-time or partial basis as either teacher/trainers, coordinators for logistics, documentation or communication, team leaders, and in various other capacities.

Qualifications for those wishing to volunteer are organizational abilities, affinity for children, a strong sense of responsibility, willingness to work, and a desire to be part of a meaningful and memorable experience.

Registration of volunteers will be held starting March 19.

Collegian reunion

THE PHILIPPINE Collegian, the student newspaper of the University of the Philippines Diliman, will hold a reunion at the UP Bahay ng Alumni on May 18.

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The martial arts master, businessman, movie producer and actor is now in Manila to promote his own production of the movie, "Total Aikido." He stars in the film, which starts its regular theater run in Metro Manila on March 28.

Woo, who is presently based in Japan where he owns a cosmetic manufacturing company, will be in the country to shoot some scenes for the sequel of "Total Aikido."

Known as an "entertainment creator," Woo has learned the skills of Japanese martial arts, such as judo, karate and aikido ever since he was a child. He became involved and exposed to different physical combats in this field worldwide.

However, dissatisfied with all the skills he acquired in Japanese martial arts, Woo was compelled to create his own concept of rhythmic pattern and timing.

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C-Interactive also releases "Kamandag ng Rosas," the launching movie of the controversial Marinella Moran, the sexy actress who gained national prominence when she offered her body to the Abu Sayaff group in exchange for the lives of the hostages. The erotic thriller is released under Regal Home Video, also stars Hazel Espinosa and Yda Manzano.

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Two films about dancers

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

LAST Saturday afternoon we caught two advance screenings in a row of films about dancers. Here's a sneak preview:

The first movie, "Save the Last Dance," stars **Julia Stiles** as a young ballet dancer who decides to hang up her toe shoes when her beloved mother dies in an accident.

She moves in with the father she hasn't had anything to do with for years, relocating to his grim big-city apartment and enrolling in a similarly grim inner-city high school with a mostly black student population.

On top of her grief over her mother's death and the similar demise of her dream of becoming a ballerina, Stiles' character has to cope with having practically a stranger for a father and "studying" with a pack of young goons and hoodlums.

Naturally, she hates her new life—but she can't remain miserable forever. Soon, she makes friends with a single mother whose brother ticks her off at first but soon becomes another friend when he goes out of his way to teach her to shift to hip-hop and funky dancing.

In time, Stiles and **Sean Patrick Thomas** realize that they love each other. They think nothing of their racially-mixed romance, but it ticks off quite a number of other people, so they eventually decide to cool it.

During this hiatus, Stiles belatedly discovers that her dad is a good man, and she also revives her dream of dancing ballet by applying for a scholarship at Juilliard.

As love would have it, her estranged boyfriend decides to rise above his resentment over their break-up, and helps her summon up the determination and supreme self-confidence to triumph at her audition.

Our notes on the film: Stiles is a gifted young actress, but her talent is pretty much wasted in this movie. She does have moving scenes around the time when her mother dies, but after that, the film's predictable story about troubled ghetto youths drags her down.

Even on point of dance, the movie is no great shakes, since the hip-hop repertoire is pretty limited. As for the ballet dancing, Stiles is obviously helped along by a dance double, and the assistance shows.

As for Stiles' leading man, Thomas is earnest enough in a young, mod **Sydney Poitier** sort of way, and he's a standout in some dancing scenes, but his character is too predictable and two-dimensional to be really interesting.

Happily, the second dance film we saw, "Billy Elliot," turned out to have more going for it. Tomorrow.

'The Cory Quirino Show'

THE NEW variety tele-magazine program, "The Cory Quirino Show," premieres at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 17 on RPN-9. **Cory** says her show, will focus on people empowerment, and its features on different people's success stories will inspire viewers to make something of their own lives.

There will also be celebrity interviews, cooking tips, stress-relieving exercises, beauty tips and features on civic-spiritedness. The show is produced by Sportsworld Media and Entertainment, Inc.

Recital series

THE MCO Foundation and the Philippine High School for the Arts present the second part of the MCO Young Artists' Recital Series, featuring Karla Maria Dino in a solo piano recital at 3:30 p.m. on March 18 (Sunday) at the Francisco Santiago Hall of Equitable PCI-Bank.

Dino will perform compositions by Beethoven, Schumann, Lizst, Bach, Debussy, Custodio and Chopin. Call the MCO Foundation at 818-1403 for details.

Battle for custody

MONTHS ago, American and British couples battled for custody rights after adopting the same twin girls on the Internet. **Oprah Winfrey** invites the two couples for a face-to-face talk on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" on Star World today, March 15 and Friday, March 16 at 1 p.m.

Winfrey brings out the emotions that have been stirred up by the battle and discovers why the two couples feel they deserve to adopt the infants.

'ALMOST FAMOUS'

A movie that's almost our own

By Ruben Cruz Jr.

ONE look at the hand scribbling the opening credits on yellow pad, and you would know right away that "Almost Famous" is special.

It's special to writer-director Cameron Crowe because "Almost Famous" is a fictionalized version of his own coming of age story. But as we watch it, it becomes special to us as well.

That is Crowe's gift. He can draw us into unique experiences on the screen and we find ourselves leaving the theater smiling and misty-eyed at the same time. Crowe makes it easy for us to adopt a film's story as our own.

His protagonists are either people we want to be or friends we'd like to have. And we remember them, perhaps even unconsciously using a line or two that they said during our own conversations.

Crowe only has a short film resumé—four movies—but his work has so far been impressive. His "Say Anything" transcended the typical teen crush comedies of the time by showing teenagers as real people, both capable of committing foibles as well as acts of nobility.

Lloyd, the lead character "Say Anything" (John Cusack), was the quintessential gentleman cloaked in trench coat and basketball shoes.

"Jerry Maguire" was as an inspiration to anyone who has ever had a crisis of conscience and heeded the call to take the road less traveled. The mission statement Jerry made overnight, "The Things We Think and Do Not Say," might just as well have been an adept social commentary on today's "go-get" business environment where people's professional lives often obscure their humanity.

At times we find comfort by losing ourselves in the illusions of cinema for an hour or two inside a darkened theater. Crowe's films, however, provide the same comfort but not the illusions. The darkness is illuminated by the honesty of the story and the characters and the truths they convey to the audience.

In "Almost Famous," we see that truth through the eyes of William Miller, a 15-year-old rock journalist whose maturity gets a jumpstart when he's assigned by Rolling Stone magazine to cover an up and coming rock band, Stillwater, during their road tour in 1973.

William is the alter ego of Crowe in this semi-autobiographical story. Like his young protagonist, Crowe began his career in journalism at the age of 15, writing for such publications as Creem and Rolling Stone. While still in his teens, he profiled many of music's most influential artists, including Bob Dylan, David Bowie, Neil Young, Eric Clapton, Led Zeppelin, Joni Mitchell, and Crosby, Stills and Nash.

Think about it, the decadence of the '70s was heady enough, but to be a 15-year-old touring with a rock and roll band, amid all those women, booze and drugs and all the trappings of fame! The elements alone make for a good story.

Crowe craftily makes the film adaptation as real and surreal as his actual experience might have been. And although it very well captures the essence as well as the lush physical details of the era, the film goes way beyond just being a nostalgic trip.

As we follow the fortunes of William, we realize that the tour he goes on is just as much a journey of self-discovery as it is a dream assignment and escapade, and that however intoxicating the people and the enticements are in the world of rock and roll, he is struggling to be the person he ought to be, and trying to do his job as a reporter with integrity. However unique William's experience is (or for that matter Crowe's), the challenges he faces are not quite unlike our own, and you can't help but root for the guy to do the right thing when confronted with moral dilemmas.

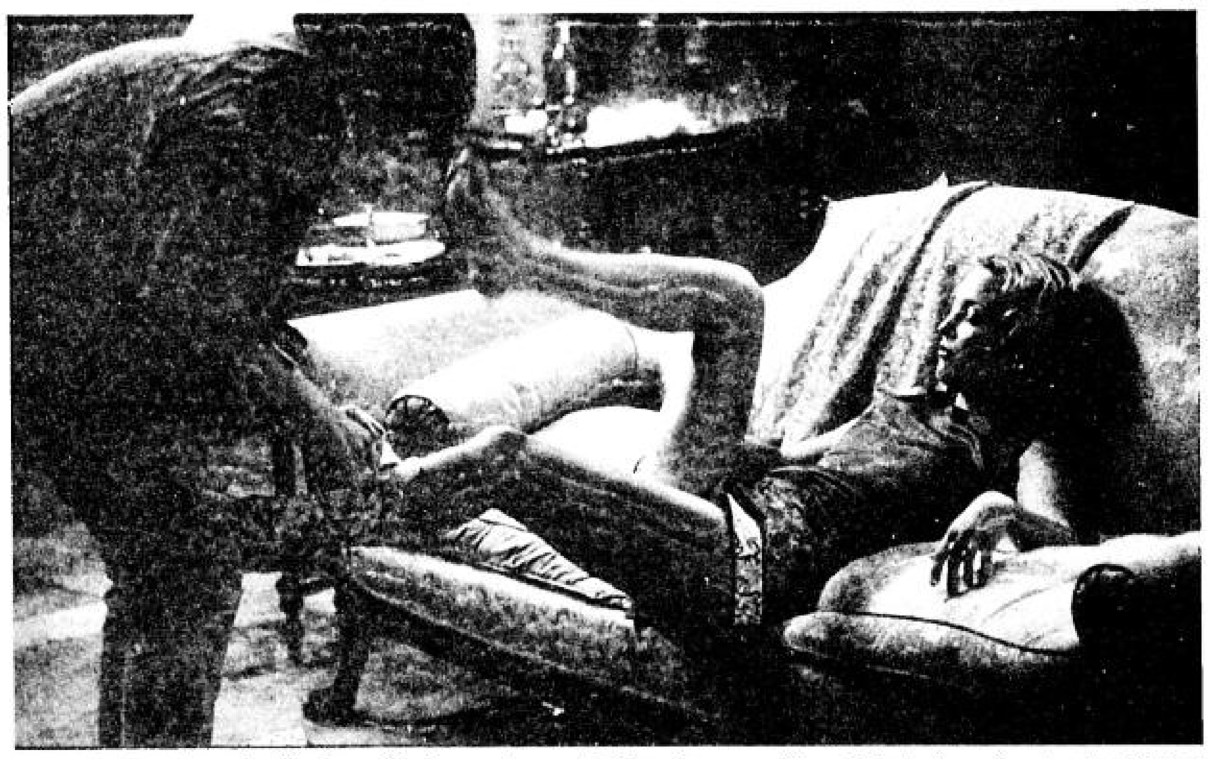
Crowe's writing wonderfully balances both drama and humor. There's no need for manipulation to tug at our hearts or squeeze a few laughs, except for one hilariously contrived scene where the characters face a near-death experience that starts off a litany of soul-baring confessions. Other than that, the emotions flow freely from the audience and the film entertains intuitively.

It is a film that would appeal to young audiences both on a simple visceral level as well as on a more rational approach—a rarity in today's youth-oriented movies. (This isn't to say though that the film specifically caters to the young.)

Once again, it is Crowe's complex and very real characters that set the drive for his film. Crowe stays with them long enough for us to get to know them, way after they have stopped saying any dialogue. He knows precisely just what he wants from every scene emotionally, and is able to catch the comical and the tragic in ordinary experiences.

The naturalness of the film is helped enormously by the actors. Not one of them seems to have turned in a bad performance in the film.

You want to know how talented the cast is, imagine Anna Paquin, one of the youngest Oscar winners in cinema history (Best Supporting Actress at 11 for "The Piano") playing a minor role as one of Stillwater's muses (Band-Aides they call themselves) along with Fairuza Balk, another accomplished performer.



COMFORT without the illusions of cinema is provided by Cameron Crowe's latest movie, starring Patrick Fugit and Kate Hudson.

In his feature debut, Patrick Fugit nails the character of William Miller, exuding perfectly the look of an awestruck kid whose innocence stands out in the jaded rock and roll scene. Whenever the camera focuses on his eyes, you are able to discern the perceptiveness that makes William as good a journalist as he is a fan.

Oscar winner Frances McDormand ("Fargo") is dead-on as William's fiercely protective and forever upright mother. Dead-on, too, are the performances of Billy Crudup and Jason Lee as Stillwater's lead guitarist Russell Hammond and lead singer Jeff Bebe, respectively. I really thought Crudup was headed for the A-list of Hollywood actors after his film debut in "Sleepers" and this might just be his vehicle.

Kate Hudson affirms what most critics have been saying all along about her acting skills-they have been underused, until this film, that is. She portrays Penny Lane, the self-invented leader of Band-Aide, with a charismatic blend of vulnerability and strength that has you smitten right away. Writers had better stop referring to her as Goldie Hawn's daughter because she can definitely hold her own as far as acting chops and beauty are concerned.

However, the actor who gets the most quotable quotes but who appears in only a few scenes is Philip Seymour Hoffman whose turn as William's mentor and true-to-life character Lester Banks, the editor of Creem magazine, affirms his solid reputation as a guy who could play anyone.

Playing support to the fine performances is the ensemble of musical '70s masterpieces that highlight the movie's script. Led Zeppelin, The Who, Elton John, Black Sabbath, Joni Mitchell, Simon & Garfunkel—the songs themselves can bring out the smiles.

"Experience it. Enjoy it. Just don't fall for it."

That's what the poster of "Almost Famous" says. I don't understand. It's hard not to fall for "Almost Famous."

Inspiring stories prelude to YES! birthday issue

INSPIRING success stories fill the latest issue of YES! (Your Entertainment Source) magazine.

Fil-Am power forward Danny Seigle shares how he got to play for San Miguel Beer, his thoughts about competing with brother Andy and being inspired by fans. Danny, a graduate of Academic Sociology and Education at New York's Wagner College, almost did not get to play for the PBA. Find out why in the YES! cover story.

Read about how Aiko Melendez has grown from young breadwinner to loving and mature wife and mother. The 25-year-old award-winning actress also explains why she wants to be a public servant.

Balladeer Chad Borja reflects on life as a cancer survivor, while Jean Garcia enumerates tips for single moms like herself.

Sexy star Klaudia Koronel bares body and soul in a moving interview that will leave readers teary-eyed. Milfe Dacula in real life, she tells how she rose from humble beginnings in Zamboanga del Sur to starring in two movies that made waves in the Berlin Film Festival.

Also in the newest YES! are stories of Onemig Bondoc's Asian travels, Marvin Agustin's surfing passion, how Ruffa Gutierrez fell in love with a handsome Turkish, celebrity weddings galore and more.

The stories are a prelude to the YES! anniversary issue in April. The celebrity-packed collector's edition will have the first-ever 101 Scene Stealers, a list of people and things that make Philippine entertainment exciting and bright.

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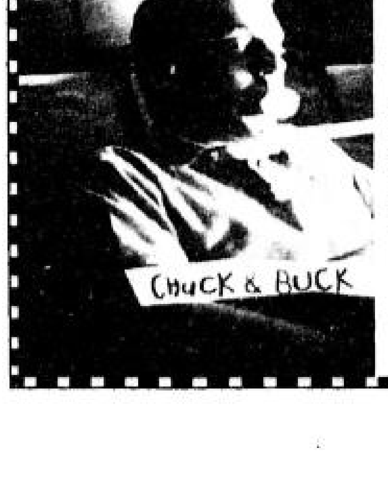

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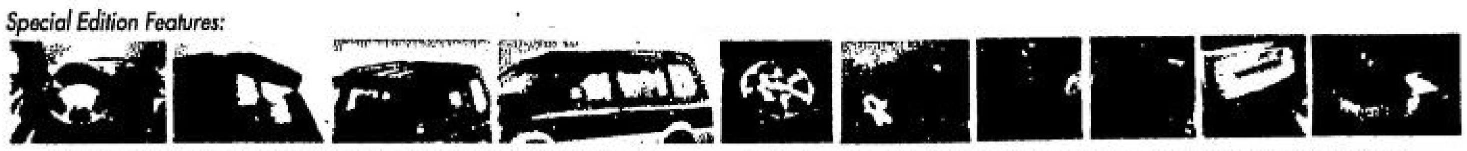

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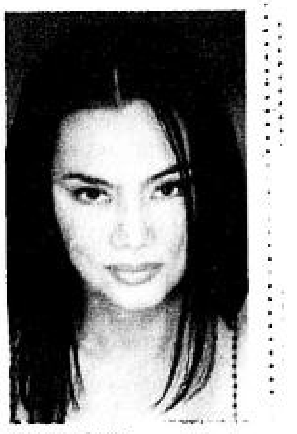

LEDESMA

Kuh holds b-day show

AFTER a successful series of Valentine shows with Lani Misalucha, Bituin Escalante and Arnel Ignacio at the Republic of Malate and with the string section of the Manila Philharmonic Orchestra at Hard Rock Café, pop diva Kuh Ledesma takes centerstage for a very special and intimate birthday concert, March 16, 9 p.m. at Republic of Malate.

The show, "Duet With Me: A Birthday Concert," is actually a repeat of her much talked-about concert in December.

The concert earned favorable reviews because the audience got the rare chance to duet with Kuh live onstage. It was inspired by her recently released album under Viva Records.

Aside from the songs included in the "Duet With Me" album, Kuh will also perform her favorite classics and standards such as "It's About Time," an inspirational song popularized by John Denver, "Dust in the Wind," "If I Loved You" and "Someone That I Used To Love."

Kuh will also render her own hits like "Till I Met You" and "I Think I'm In Love."

So if you missed this concert last year, this is the chance for you to watch it. And you might be lucky enough if Kuh pulls you onstage to sing with her on this very special day.

Joining Kuh in her birthday concert is a surprise guest.

For reservations and ticket inquiries, call Headline Concepts at 551-7252 to 55.

March gigs at Hard Rock

HARD Rock Café whips up an ultra-hot line-up of shows this month.

Carlos Agassi joins the X-Project in a series of shows that combines rap and R&B, Saturdays, March 17, 24 and 31.

On regular nights, enjoy Hard Rock Café's nightly band schedule.

Silk powers the house on Mondays, the music of League of Cayuca plays on Tuesday, Freestyle performs on Wednesdays, Freeverse sings on Thursdays and Parliament Syndicate takes centerstage on Fridays.

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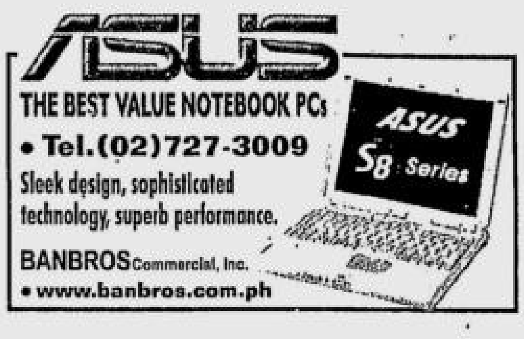

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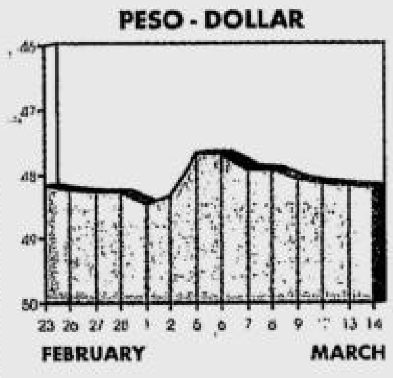

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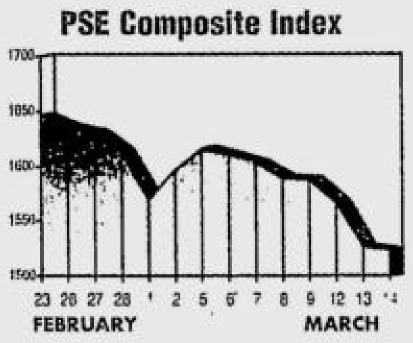
STOCK MARKET

Stocks down

SHARES closed slightly lower yesterday as investors shrugged off Wall Street's rebound overnight, wary about further falls in the US market and the lack of fresh positive news locally.

The 33-share composite index slid 2.61 points, or 0.17 percent, to end at 1,523.79 points after trading in a 13-point range.



(See stock market report on Page B2)

Turnover slid to a paltry P265.97 million from the previous day's P348.1 million. Losers were in a two-to-one majority..

"You never really know whether the major correction of the Dow is over or not. The major concern still is the slowdown in the US economy," said Enrique Santa Ana, associate director for sales of Vickers Ballas Securities.

Although US shares closed higher on Tuesday, Allan Araullo of Regina Capital Development Corp. said "people know the rise is temporary. They anticipate that Wall Street may post declines (on Wednesday). I still see the market having a downward bias tomorrow."

"In the near term, I think we won't break 1,500 but if the Dow drops further in the coming sessions, then our index may test 1,500 and go for 1,425 points," said Elline Salvatierra of KGI Securities Inc. *AFP, Reuters*

By CLARISSA S. BATINO

THE COURT of Appeals has ordered the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corp. to stop the liquidation of Orient Bank and have it reopened.

In a 16-page decision , the Court of Appeals' 10th division ordered the Monetary Board "to evaluate and seriously consider anew the revised rehabilitation plan submitted by appellant Jose Go and to look into the possibility of reorganizing it (Orient Bank) or putting it in such a condition where it could resume business with safety to the public."

The court also suspended the powers of PDIC to act as receiver of Orient Bank.

"The BSP and PDIC are hereby ordered to refrain from prosecuting any foreclosure of mortgages of writs of attachment or from instituting any court action against appellant until the final resolution of its application for rehabilitation," said the court in a decision promulgated on Feb. 28.

The court said there were serious doubts on Orient Bank's bankruptcy, as well as on the manner it was liquidated.

BSP examiners, it said, failed to take into consideration the bank's other assets noting that the regulator assigned a "zero value" on the bank's leasehold rights and improvements. Such an evaluation, it added, was "impossible and clearly unfair to the bank."

The BSP and PDIC sued Go, who also owns and controls Ever Gotesco Resource and Holdings Inc., for estafa and violation of banking rules after an investigation showed that he used dummy companies to get personal loans from Orient Bank beyond the limits set by law. The PDIC also said Orient Bank owners, led by Go, had mismanaged the bank.

"The decision is not final and executory. A response will be formulated by our legal team," said BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura who was surprised with the court's decision.

PDIC president Norberto Nazareno said the bank insurer would file a motion for reconsideration before the March 22 deadline set by the court.

Reacting to the appellate court's decision, a Bank of Commerce official said, "This is precisely what we wanted to avoid."

Bank of Commerce discontinued merger plans with the closed Urban Bank Inc. owing to pending legal issues questioning Urban Bank's closure.

Orient Bank declared a bank holiday on Feb. 14, 1998 and was shut down by the Monetary Board on Oct. 14, 1998. It was placed under PDIC receivership.

PDIC liquidated the assets of Orient Bank in late 1999 and sold its 52 branches to Allied Banking Corp. after Go failed to deliver an acceptable rehabilitation proposal for the bank.

The Court of Appeals, in its order, said that the liquidation came too soon as Go had submitted proposals for rehabilitation.

For his part, Peter Favila, president of Allied Bank, said the transaction with PDIC was done in good faith.

"We expect all parties to honor the agreement. Everything is legal," he said.

Go was banned by the Monetary Board from holding any important position in any bank after he was found to have allegedly violated limits on loans that can be obtained by directors, officials and stockholders of a bank.

BSP laws provide that a bank could not lend more than 15 percent of its total loan portfolio to directors, officers, shareholders, and related interests.

The BSP and the PDIC concluded that Orient Bank was insolvent as its liabilities estimated at about P7 billion exceeded its assets by over P1 billion. The liabilities included P2.9 billion in trapped deposits from thousands of clients.

IMF pushes for tougher BSP, PDIC

THE INTERNATIONAL Monetary Fund has asked the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and Philippine Deposit Insurance Corp. to assume a more aggressive role in preventing a recurrence of system-wide problems that hit some banks last year.

A person familiar with the matter said yesterday the IMF wanted Congress to approve measures that would give the country's monetary regulators more teeth in enforcing check-and-balance mechanisms designed to thwart problems that could cause the entire banking sector to collapse.

Specifically, the Fund believes the BSP must be allowed to supersede shareholders' decisions on issues of systemic importance, such as a management takeover or an outright sale, if these are the only options left to save a troubled bank.

A source said these were discussed during a meeting between the IMF executive board and the Philippine government on March 1.

The source said members of the IMF executive board believed these options should be open to the BSP and the PDIC, on top of the liquidity assistance they could extend to troubled banks.

The Fund, he added, would formalize proposals aimed at plugging the weaknesses in the country's banking system in the coming months.

The IMF believes that the BSP is in a weaker position in dealing with big banks in distress that may pose risks to the entire banking system.

Due to financial troubles, some of the country's biggest banks went to the BSP and PDIC for help. Last October, the Philippine National Bank obtained a P25-billion emergency loan—P15 billion from the BSP and P10 billion from the PDIC. From late last year to early this year, Equitable PCI Bank had tapped the BSP's overnight lending facilities for loans reaching about P30 billion.

PNB and Equitable PCI Bank are the country's fifth and third largest banks, respectively, in terms of assets.

The additional powers proposed by the IMF for the BSP and PDIC were not tackled in the bills amending the charter of the two agencies. The IMF, the source said, deemed it necessary to have these powers legislated.

"The IMF's executive board," the source said, "stressed the importance of giving bank supervisors the necessary tools, authority and protection to perform their duties including the ability to look into bank deposits."

The IMF said the status of PNB was still a cause of concern, he added.

"The recent problems of another large bank indicate the vulnerabilities even of stronger institutions in an environment of weak governance, excessive bank secrecy, and inadequate provisions against money laundering."

Equitable PCI Bank had suffered from massive withdrawals from the last quarter of 2000 to early this year as a result of its involvement in the "Juetengate" scandal. *Clarissa S. Batino*

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Mar. 14, 2001

Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Foreign currency in US$	Foreign currency in Peso
United States	Dollar	1.092896	1.000000	48.1590
Japan	Yen	0.009130	0.008354	0.4023
United Kingdom	Pound	1.585137	1.450400	69.8498
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.140118	0.128208	6.1744
Switzerland	Franc	0.649605	0.594389	28.6252
Canada	Dollar	0.708201	0.648004	31.2072
Singapore	Dollar	0.621493	0.568666	27.3864
Australia	Dollar	0.549195	0.502513	24.2005
Bahrain	Dinar	0.713291	0.652661	31.4315
Kuwait	Dinar	N/A	N/A	N/A
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.291415	0.266645	12.8414
Brunei	Dollar	0.618854	0.566251	27.2701
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000106	0.000097	0.0047
Thailand	Baht	0.025090	0.022957	1.1056
UAE	Dirham	0.297556	0.272264	13.1120
Korea	Won	0.000858	0.000785	0.0378
Euro	Euro	1.000000	0.915000	44.0655
Germany	Mark	0.511292	0.467832	22.5303
France	Franc	0.152450	0.139491	6.7177
Netherlands	Guilder	0.453780	0.415209	19.9961
Austria	Schilling	0.072673	0.066496	3.2024
Belgium	Franc	0.024789	0.022682	1.0923
Italy	Lire	0.000517	0.000473	0.0228
Finland	Markka	0.168188	0.153892	7.4113
Portugal	Escudo	0.004988	0.004564	0.2198
Spain	Peseta	0.006010	0.005499	0.2648
Luxemburg	Franc	0.024789	0.022682	1.0923
Ireland	Punt	1.269738	1.16181	55.9516

Philippine Stock Exchange

(As of Wednesday, March 14, 2001)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Bank of the Phil. Islands	69.5	69.5	68.5	68.5	582,600
China Banking Corp.	650	650	640	650	370
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	51.5	51.5	50.5	51	14,600
First E-Bank Corp.	2.04	2.04	2.04	2.04	16,000
Global Business Bank Inc.	66	70	66	70	300
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	223	224	220	221	30,450
Prudential Bank	500	500	500	500	6,230
Philippine National Bank	45	45	43.5	44	90,100
Phil. Savings Bank	28	29.5	28	29.5	2,800
Security Bank Corp.	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.5	700
Union Bank of the Phil.	25	25	25	25	40,800
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Bankard Inc.	1.52	1.52	1.48	1.48	145,000
Filipino Fund Inc.	0.39	0.42	0.39	0.39	230,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	1220	1220	1220	1220	7,780
Sun Life Financial Serv.	915	920	910	915	3,790
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	43	43	42.5	42.5	34,400
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	220,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	650	700	650	700	270
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.048	0.049	0.048	0.049	3,000,000
Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp.	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	17,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	770	780	770	775	62,410
Ivantage Corp.	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	170,000
Philweb.Com Inc.	0.0675	0.0675	0.065	0.0675	132,600,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	50	50	50	50	12,800
Manila Electric Co. B	58	59	58	59	291,100
Petron Corp.	1.78	1.78	1.74	1.76	1,779,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	120,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.08	1.08	1.08	1.08	206,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	1.14	1.14	1.12	1.14	8,684,000
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc.	0.52	0.52	0.51	0.51	90,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	20,000
Republic Cement Corp.	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	40,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Jollibee Foods Corp.	11.75	11.75	11.75	11.75	29,500
La Tondena Distillers Inc.	36	36	36	36	300
RFM Corp.	1.18	1.18	1.16	1.18	300,000
San Miguel Corp. A	47	47	47	47	40,500
San Miguel Corp. B	54	54	54	54	17,200
Vitarich Corp.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	100,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Atok-Big Wedge Co. Inc.	8	8	8	8	5,000
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	20,000
Ayala Corp.	7.3	7.4	7.3	7.4	936,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	1.56	1.56	1.54	1.54	252,000
Alliance Global Group Inc.	11.75	12	11.75	12	2,500
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	70,000
APC Group Inc.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	130,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	34,000,000
Balabac Resources & Hldgs	0.31	0.31	0.3	0.3	460,000
Boulevard Holdings Inc.	0.2	0.22	0.2	0.22	660,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	2.75	2.85	2.75	2.85	1,404,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.175	0.175	0.175	0.175	200,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	20,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.16	1.16	1.14	1.16	1,520,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	23	23	23	23	175,400
Global Equities Inc.	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	240,000
Ionics Inc.	12	12	12	12	4,100
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.48	110,000
Keppel Phil. Holdings	1.08	1.08	1.06	1.06	70,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.86	0.86	0.84	0.86	660,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	0.34	0.35	0.34	0.35	160,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	4,760,000
Unioil Res. & Holdings Co.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	500,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.34	0.35	0.34	0.35	620,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.29	0.3	0.29	0.29	350,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Active Alliance Inc.	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	10,000
Metro Alliance Holdings	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	20,000
Macondray Plastics Inc.	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	5,000
Music Corp.	2.8	2.9	2.65	2.85	951,000
Central Azucar Don Pedro	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	20,000
SPI Technologies Inc.	11.75	12	11.5	12	227,300
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Belle Corp.	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	150,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.64	0.65	0.63	0.63	5,680,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	80,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp (Pdr)	42	42.5	42	42	152,300
DMCI Holdings Inc.- Pref.	495	495	495	495	50
Equitable PCI Bank-War	3.9	3.9	3.85	3.85	540,000
Globe Telecom Hldg (Pdr)	680	720	680	700	3,230
Jollibee Warrants	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	29,100
Omico Corp. Warrant	0.0028	0.0028	0.0028	0.0028	27,000,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series T	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	5,100
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	100
PLDT (10% Pref) Series X	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	100
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.7	4,384,000
Araneta Properties Inc.	0.31	0.32	0.31	0.31	450,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.29	0.29	0.27	0.28	3,890,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.37	0.37	0.36	0.37	3,240,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	2.4	2.4	2.26	2.34	9,271,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.7	1,765,000
Universal Rightfield Prop	0.105	0.11	0.105	0.105	1,630,000
MINING					
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.2	0.2	0.19	0.19	1,410,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B	0.215	0.215	0.21	0.21	250,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.006	0.0065	0.006	0.0065	12,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.225	0.225	0.225	0.225	20,000
OIL					
Interport Res.	0.005	0.0055	0.005	0.0055	24,000,000
Interport Res. B	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	19,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.0048	0.0048	0.0048	0.0048	28,000,000
Pacifica	0.015	0.016	0.015	0.016	6,000,000
Sinophil Corp.	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	500,000

	SHARES	VALUE (P)
Banks & Fin Svc	1,151,520	68,036,660.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	230,247,760	136,025,430.00
PRO	24,630,000	60,832,010.00
Mining	13,680,000	402,750.00
OIL	77,500,000	488,900.00
GRAND TOTALS :	347,209,280	265,785,750.00

AVERAGES			
Banks & Fin Svc	596.48	DOWN	5.26
Comm'l & Ind'l	2,082.46	UP	2.51
PRO	575.68	DOWN	5.16
Mining	1,260.38	DOWN	40.65
OIL	1.87	UNCH	0.00
All Shares Index	741.05	DOWN	1.15
Composite	1,523.79	DOWN	2.61

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Steep peso fall squeezing MWSS concessionaires

By CHRISTINE A. GAYLICAN

(Second of a series)

SPECIAL REPORT

IT was a sight to behold. Two of the country's most prominent scions—Eugenio Lopez Jr. and Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala—were beaming jubilantly as if they had just won the grand prize in a lottery. For them, winning the $7.5-billion concessions to distribute potable water to people living in Metro Manila and parts of Cavite and Rizal for the next 25 years was more than winning a game of chance. It ensured that their family businesses would continue to run for at least another 15 years.

Four years ago, the government handed to the private sector a business that was being poorly handled by the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System. During a much-publicized auction, the Ayala-led consortium of Manila Water Co. Inc. won the right to run both the eastern and western service areas of MWSS. The main reason why Manila Water won was that it offered to cut water rates in Metro Manila and nearby areas to a third of the P8.78 per cubic meter that was then being charged by the MWSS.

But since the bidding rules prohibited one company from operating all of MWSS' service areas, Manila Water conceded the western zone to Maynilad Water Services Inc., a group formed by the Lopezes' Benpres Holdings Corp.

Apart from Ayala Corp., Manila Water also includes US firm Bechtel Overseas Corp. and United Utilities plc, parent company of Northwest Water plc of the United Kingdom. Benpres' partners in Maynilad, meanwhile, is French firm Lyonnaise des Eaux SA.

Manila Water currently supplies potable water to Makati, Mandaluyong, San Juan, Angono, Baras, Binangonan, Cainta, Cardona, Jalajala, Morong, Pililia, Rodriguez, San Mateo, Tanay, Taytay, and parts of Marikina, Taguig, Pasig, Pateros and Quezon City.

Maynilad's contract, on the other hand, covers Manila, Pasay, Las Piñas, Malabon, Muntinlupa, Valenzuela, Navotas, Parañaque, Bacoor, Kawit, Imus, Cavite City, Noveleta, Rosario and parts of Taguig and Quezon City.

Manila Water offered a rate of P2.32 per cubic meter, which was 74 percent lower than the MWSS' rate. Maynilad, meanwhile, offered to cut the rate to P4.97 per cubic meter.

Why is it rising?

However, since January 1999, Manila Water has been billing its customers P2.90 per cubic meter while Maynilad has been charging P6.32 per cubic meter.

The two firms explain that the original prices they quoted are simply not enough to keep their customers' taps running. Factors like the peso's sharp depreciation against the US dollar are exerting an upward pressure on water rates, they add.

The concession agreements signed by Manila Water and Maynilad give room for rate adjustments.

Apart from the basic tariff, there is also a fixed P1.27-per-cubic-meter fee to cover for changes in the peso-dollar exchange rate, known as "Cera," and other charges for meters, sewers, environmental fees and value-added tax.

Manila Water and Maynilad are seeking a pricing mechanism that will allow them to automatically adjust their rates whenever the peso falls or rises against the US dollar.

The two firms want something similar to the foreign currency adjustment, or FCA, mechanism being used by the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. and Manila Electric Co. This mechanism allows PLDT and Meralco to automatically adjust their rates to cover for changes in dollar-denominated debts that they have incurred to put up costly infrastructure.

A 'misnomer'

Manila Water chief operating officer Antonino Aquino said the P1-per-cubic-meter fixed fee for currency fluctuations was, in reality, a "surcharge."

"Cera was a misnomer," he said.

"There is a Cera that appears on the water bill but, in reality, this is not the same as the Cera being used by Meralco and PLDT. Theirs go up and down every month as it corresponds to the movements of the exchange rate. Ours is fixed at P1 per cubic meter no matter how much the peso falls against the dollar," he said.

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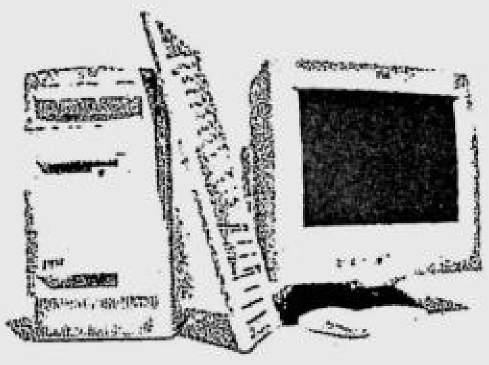

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GLOBELINES, the telephone service of Globe Telecom, offers its customers a savings opportunity that gives them a chance to earn back valuable rebates on their Globelines bills.

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IBM PHILIPPINES 2001 KICKS OFF

IBM recently held their country kick-off at their new home, the IBM Plaza, inside Eastwood City Cyberpark, Libis, Quezon City. Special guests at the event were, from left: Antonio Romero, IBM general manager for Asean South Asia; Kakutaro Kitashiro, general manager, IBM Asia Pacific; Ramon Dimacali, chair and CEO of IBM Philippines; and Andrew Tan, president of Megaworld Corporation, developer of the IBM Plaza.

APC to highlight power solutions at IT.expo

AMERICAN Power Conversion (APC), a world leading provider of power protection and power manageability solutions, will participate as a major sponsor in Microsoft Philippines' much-awaited IT event in 2001 titled "The Microsoft Solutions Expo 2001," slated March 22 at the Ateneo Graduate School of Business in Rockwell, Makati City.

The exposition is a two-in-one show that will feature some of today's prime movers in the local IT industry to speak at the event's Technet Conference, as well as showcase the latest technologies and solutions running on the Microsoft platform. APC's latest end-to-end power availability enhancement solutions will be one of the highlights in the Solutions Expo. APC's end-to-end availability solutions include UPSes, power management software, rack enclosures, UPS accessories, and services.

OFFICIAL ISP FOR E-COMMERCE EXPO 2001

Eastern Telecoms is the official Internet provider (ISP) of E-commerce Expo 2001, the 1st Philippine International Business Forum and Technology Exhibition on Internet Commerce at the SM Megamall, Edsa, Mandaluyong City. Pastor Isaac, ETPI business and consumer department head, welcomed Senate President Aquilino Pimentel Jr., keynote speaker and guest of honor. Also shown is Expocomm EVP Yvonne Benavidez (second from right), and Jerry Gonzales (partly hidden), president of Exposition Communications Group Inc, expo organizer. Eastern Telecoms showcased its pioneer status as one of the country's leaders in Internet services through its ADSL (Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Lines) and Gigabit Internet Service.

Reviewer for future doctors out

MSA Tutorial and Review Center has released MSA NMAT Reviewer, a reviewer book for those who will take the National Medical Admission Test. Written by Allan Paul I Carreon, a BS Biology degree holder from the University of the Philippines, Diliman, the MSA NMAT Reviewer contains 400 questions. Carreon designed the reviewer to mimic the actual exam. The reviewer is divided into two parts with four 50-test questions each. The tests include Verbal Ability, Inductive Reasoning Skills, Quantitative Ability, Perceptual Acuity, Biology, Physics, Social Science and Chemistry.

Also available as a supplement is the MSA NMAT Reviewer Companion Volume: Answers and Explanations, also written by Carreon. The companion volume gives detailed answers and explanations to all the questions posed in the MSA NMAT Reviewer, providing the exam-taker with a more in-depth review.

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CFBC'S TRADE MISSION

The Chinese Filipino Business Club, Inc. (CFBCI) has recently sent a 77-man delegation on a trade mission to Southeast Asian countries, namely Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand. The group is composed of Chinese Filipino leaders from banking and finance, trade, manufacturing, construction and various industries whose intent is to show these countries the full support of the business community to the Arroyo administration. They would also meet groups of Taiwanese investors in each country and invite them to reconsider the Philippines as a potential hub of business opportunities.

HOTEL TIES UP WITH AIRLINE

New World Renaissance Hotel general manager Martyn Standen (seated, second from left) signs the contract that seals the partnership between the hotel and Emirates. This partnership entails Emirates to exclusively book all its crew rooms in the hotel from March 2001 until February 2003. With Standen are (seated from left) Emirates station manager Dave Paculan, area manager-Philippines Gigi Baroa, and station officer Brenda Marie Orias, (standing from left) New World Renaissance hotel director of marketing Atab Rivera and director of sales Rouel Guanzon.

PLUS ONE VISITS T.G.I. FRIDAY'S

Plus One, one of the hottest boy bands in the international music scene, recently enjoyed a dose of T.G.I. Friday's great food and warm service when it visited the restaurant's Ortigas branch. The group was recently in the country to perform for the MTV Rebirth Launch Party at the NBC Tent where T.G.I. Friday's, Italianni's and Outback Steakhouse were the party hosts, providing party fare for thousands of guests. Photo shows Plus One with two of Friday's staff. T.G.I. Friday's treated the band to its signature servings of American-style dishes and rich beverage collection. T.G.I. Friday's has five restaurants in the country – Glorietta, Ortigas, Malate, Quezon City and Alabang.

Calasiao Salesforce Union
January 26, 2001

ILOCANO UNION SEALS THE DEAL

Coca-Cola Bottlers Philippines, Inc. (CCBPI), headed by its assistant vice president and commercial manager for Calasiao and Carlatan plant Edgardo Razon (front row standing, third from right) recently reached a collective bargaining agreement (CBA) with Calasiao Sales Force union President Angel Pangan (front row standing, fourth from left). Others in photo are (front row, from left) Lawyer Salvador Belaro Jr.; CCBPI vice president and group director north-central-south Luzon Ed Del Rosario; CCBPI vice president and director, personnel management Pinky Ruiz; union adviser Alex Morillo; and Lawyer Roland Claveria, chair of the management negotiating panel.

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Campbell's brings in 'Chicken Soup' author

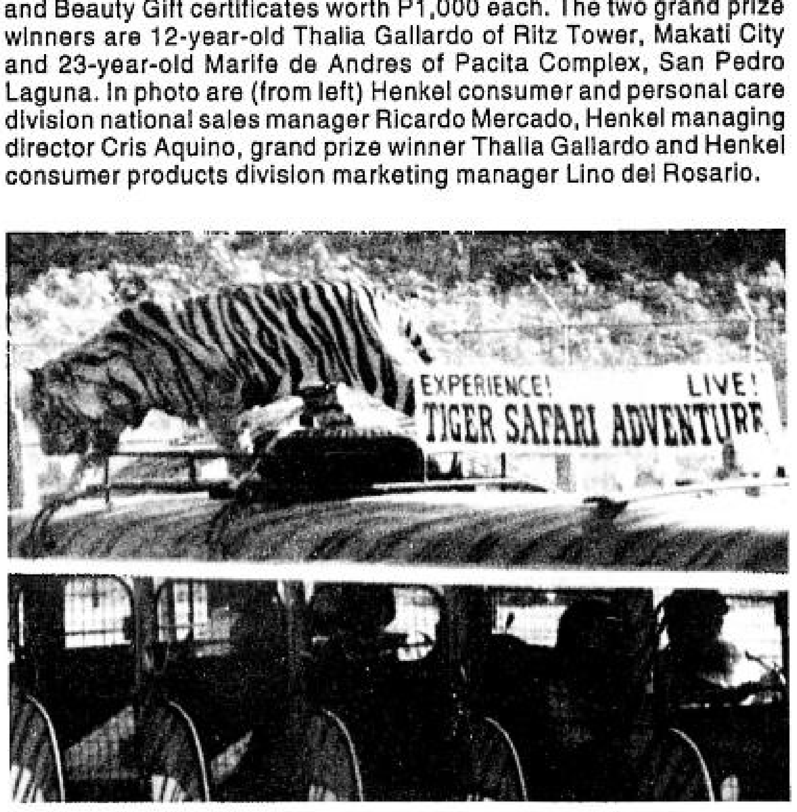
CAMPBELL'S Soup, America's leading condensed soup product, co-presents the launching of "Chicken Soup For The Soul" in Manila with co-author Mark Victor Hansen at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel today. Campbell's supports this effort with a month-long supermarket promotion dubbed as Campbell's Pick-A-Prize promo. Join the promo from March 1 to 31, 2001. For every P50 worth of Campbell's soup products you buy at selected GMA supermarkets, you have the chance of picking an item in the bowl of prizes from the Campbell's promo booth. You may be the lucky customer to get the famous inspirational book, "Chicken Soup For The Soul" (exclusively distributed in the Philippines by Emerald Headway Inc.) or a set of classic Campbell's salt and pepper shaker, charming Campbell's place mats or the much sought-after Campbell's Cookbook and Planner.

Dunn meets education officials

DR. RITA Dunn, director of the International Learning Styles Network, recently met with school principals, supervisors, and superintendents at the Quezon City Science High School organized by Dr. Aquilina Rivas, president of the Philippine Association of Schools Superintendents (PASS-NCR). During the dialogue, Dunn stressed the importance of learning styles and its relationship to brain behavior. She further stressed that students are failing not because of the subject matter but due to the lack of matching between the teaching styles of the teacher and the learning styles of the students. She pointed out that many school problems like truancy, unmotivated learners, lack of motivation are byproducts of unmatched learning styles environment. Dunn, however, pointed out that when learning is facilitated according to the way the students want to learn, there is a marked increased in students' learning performance and achievement.

'THE SCENTS OF FA' WINNERS

Henkel Philippines, Inc. executives awarded the two grand prize round trip tickets to Singapore in the recently concluded "The Scents of Fa" raffle promo. 30 consolation prize winners received SM Health and Beauty Gift certificates worth P1,000 each. The two grand prize winners are 12-year-old Thalia Gallardo of Ritz Tower, Makati City and 23-year-old Marife de Andres of Pacita Complex, San Pedro Laguna. In photo are (from left) Henkel consumer and personal care division national sales manager Ricardo Mercado, Henkel managing director Cris Aquino, grand prize winner Thalia Gallardo and Henkel consumer products division marketing manager Lino del Rosario.



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Doctor, doctor, I am slick

BREAKTIME

Conrado R. Banal III

I'M sure you noticed it, but the press office of this cute administration of Gloriaetta probably did not because its slick spin doctors all ate something and fell into a deep coma.

Don't look now, guys, but news outfits abroad are talking more and more about the Philippines. They are focusing on business. The reports are not exactly flattering to this cute administration. They seem to have a common theme, and it seems to me that they say the government is enjoying itself terribly in a major shakedown on business.

In other words, in this country, which just had another semi mini revolution—something that's almost but not quite a revolution—it's payback time again!

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SURELY, you heard that the San Miguel story is one hot item abroad. Well, it is the biggest private business here. This cute administration is also taking over the company.

It's such a huge story that the Asian Wall Street Journal bannered it last Monday. From my end, I thought the story did not speak well of this cute administration. Our country, too!

It quoted a number of fund managers and market analysts, and they all said good things about the present management of San Miguel. Definitely, if a proxy war is in the making, those are points for Cojuangco.

For and in behalf of this cute administration, the report quoted Finance Secretary Alberto Romulo. He said there are others who can manage San Miguel better than Cojuangco. Oh, yeah, who? Government officials?

And that's supposedly the administration's strongest point—its slam dunk!

But as everybody in the stock market knows, Cojuangco never even hides that he was a college dropout. He is always the first one to say that he is not the most talented business executive in the country. Maybe not even in his own barangay.

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IT'S just that Cojuangco already showed what he could do to turn around San Miguel. In comparison, what did the government do when it was in control of the company? Let me see . . . um, the company almost collapsed from its heavy debt load.

Maybe, just maybe, Romulo's slam dunk would count 30,000 points, say, if it did not come from the government, and it actually came from San Miguel stockholders themselves.

As things stand, if the government succeeds in ousting Cojuangco from the company, it actually is taking over the company for and in behalf of the stockholders. Among them is none other than Cojuangco. He even has the single biggest holdings.

So why not let the stockholders decide? Government takeovers, at least to fund managers and investors abroad, are not exactly to die for. But everybody knows that. Well, except maybe the spin doctors of this cute administration of Gloriaetta.

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LIKE it or not, this cute administration is taking a gamble in its shakedown on everything and anything remotely connected with the man named Band . . .Wrist Band. So the public, it is said, cries out for it! So go ahead, let's just destroy the country doing it!

In all of Asia, as surveys showed, corruption is a part of doing business. Even in Singapore! It's where they cane you for chewing gum in your bathroom. Only, the practice is worse in Indonesia, China and the Philippines.

Now, don't tell me that, among our public officials, only Wrist Band enjoyed a little payoff here and there. OK, they are more likely many big payoffs here, there and everywhere.

But he is definitely not the only corrupt public official in this country. There are many corrupt public officials past, present or future. They got payoffs from everybody in the business community without one single exception. It's the truth, so sue me!

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AS I said, in these parts, foreign investors concede that corruption is similar to an, uhm, "incentive" for governments to move their asses fast for once, forgodsakes. Believe me, it spares nobody.

And so one fine day, our heroes, namely, Justice Secretary Hernando Perez and Ombudsman Aniano Desierto, may also get tired of talking to media about all the corruption cases against Wrist Band, and who knows, they may go to trial. Now what?

The way various state witnesses begin to talk and in the course of their testimony, they are bound to mention names in business as Wrist Band's kind, ahh, "benefactors." And so they may be summoned, too.

As I see it, nothing can stop the defense lawyers from asking them about paying off other public officials past, present, or future. Who are they, please? Before you know it, the foreign news outfits are having a feast.

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IF things go out of hand, they go out of hand already under the watch of Gloriaetta, and unfortunately, her spin doctors went into a deep coma, and the poor administration seems so helpless, it is relying on the same old recycled guys to prop up its image.

The cappo di tutti cappi of this cute administration's spin doctors actually worked for Wrist Band. Yes, even when the man was already in trouble!

Listen up, guys, you are already in power, and in such a situation, scare tactics are certain to backfire! Last time I heard, this cute administration was still playing up the line that we have a "tattered" economy. Ohh, scary!

And so what did the spin doctors of the cute administration do? They went on to put Gloriaetta in media interviews on talk shows which talk a lot about *aswang*!

Meanwhile, in foreign media, which are talking about business in our country more often now, the administration is getting a sound spanking. I am not sure it's the right strategy to mend a tattered economy.

IT, agri sectors escape gov't austerity plan

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE MACAPAGAL administration has exempted from the mandatory cutback in its expense activities involving information and communication technology, agriculture modernization, tourism and settlement of legal cases.

Trade Secretary Manuel Roxas II said these were granted a waiver from Administrative Order 5, which implements an austerity program meant to cut back government expenses by at least 10 percent.

Roxas said this was consistent with the President's agenda to prioritize some sectors for development during her term.

He cited information and communication technology projects that the government wants to harness as a main investment attraction because of the country's relatively low cost and quality labor.

"We cannot scrimp on this item because this is very important to our economy, and we are competing with other countries to attract ICT investors," Roxas said.

Ms Macapagal issued AO 5 to tame the widening budget deficit, her administration's most serious economic problem. The government is hoping to trim the budget deficit to P145 billion this year from the previous target of P225 billion.

The Department of Budget and Management earlier said it would freeze government salaries this year and cut back the number of state employees as part of cost-cutting efforts to keep the budget deficit within P145 billion.

Budget Secretary Emilia Boncodin said the Macapagal administration was undertaking an austerity program because of its "very difficult financial position."

Apart from freezing government salaries, the government will also strictly enforce the attrition law to trim the 1.1 million employees under its fold.

Boncodin said positions vacated by retiring employees would not be filled up. She said the government might lay off some employees later this year although this was not yet certain.

SEC penalizes RCBC, 3 other financial firms

By Elena R. Torrijos

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Commission has penalized Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. for continuing to commit documentary and encoding offenses.

The SEC also slapped penalties on ABN-Amro Savings Bank Corp., Infinity Lending Corp. and SMC Stock Transfer Service Corp.

In a meeting earlier this month, the SEC rejected the request of all four companies for reconsideration of their respective penalties and ordered them to pay up.

The SEC's market regulation department imposed a P19,000 penalty on RCBC for the bank's ninth offense in failing to indicate "value received" on self-trade transaction and for its 10th offense in incorrectly encoding an account in a transaction with Philippine National Bank.

The Philippine Stock Exchange earlier slapped a P125,000 penalty on RCBC for the bank's failure to disclose material information regarding the acquisition of 67 percent of listed Bankard Inc. from Equitable PCI Bank.

ABN-Amro Savings Bank was required to pay a penalty of P72,200 for failing to file its annual information sheet for 2000 on time. SMC Stock Transfer Service Corp. was assessed a P158,900 penalty for the same offense.

Infinity Lending Corp. was asked to pay P10,240 for violating the new rules on the regulation of short-term commercial papers.

Steep . . .

(From page B3)

Aquino said the MWSS should stop referring to the P1-per-cubic-meter fixed fee as Cera because it had been confusing consumers. He said computations for foreign exchange fluctuations should be addressed by another mechanism.

Maynilad is already considering plans to give up its 25-year concession rights to the government unless the MWSS approves an automatic foreign exchange pricing mechanism.

The company reported that the peso's depreciation from 26.50 to a dollar in 1997 to over 50 in recent months had dealt it over P2.2 billion in concession fee losses.

Maynilad said in a news statement that its "cash flows are already in bad shape while our financial losses are too heavy to continue to bear."

MWSS assistant regulator Angel Efren Agustin said the MWSS was still consulting its board of trustees because it could not yet provide an accurate answer.

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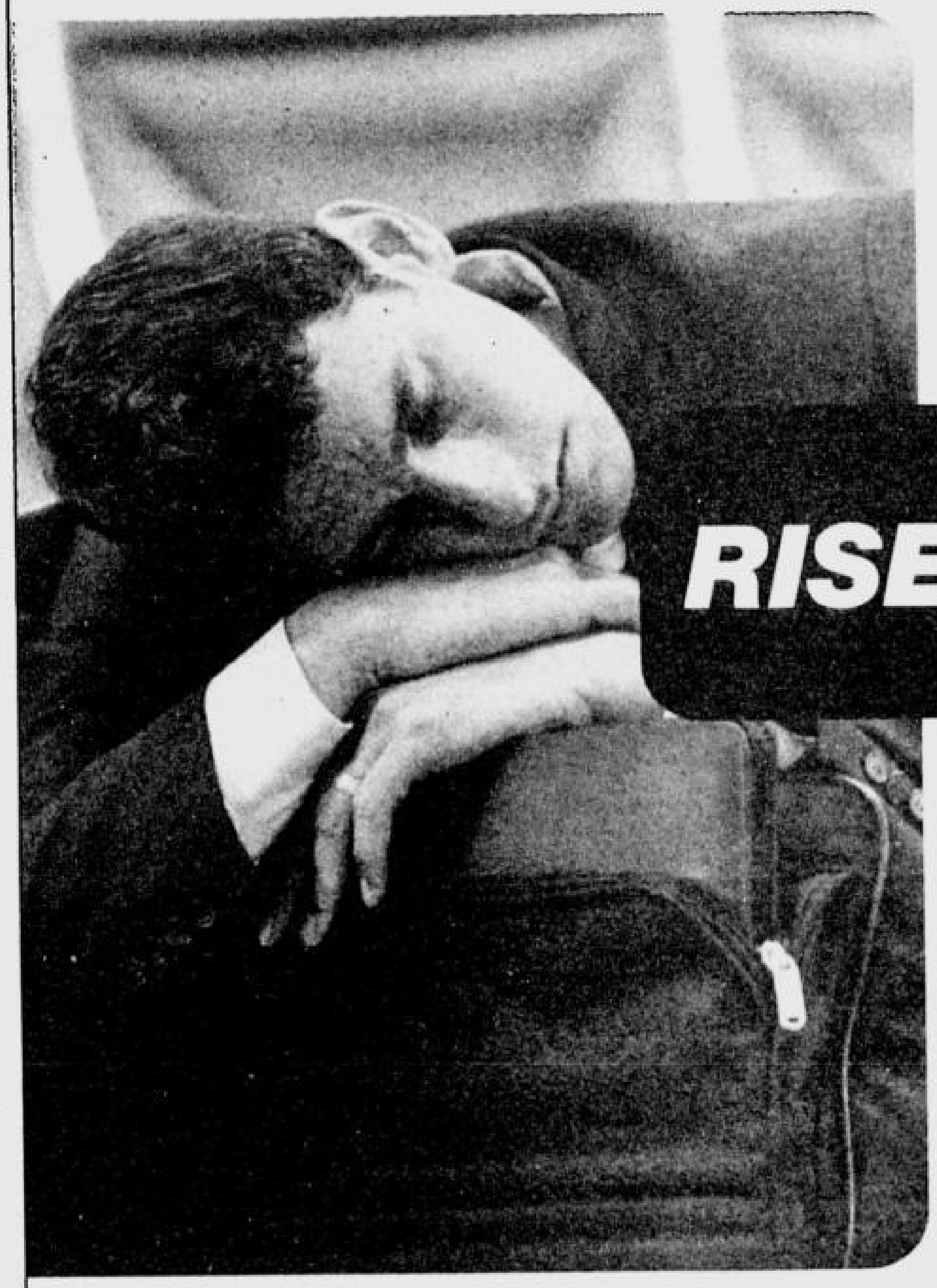

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Birmingham Place Cainta 260m² 2.6M Rush 6334107

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LOT

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MAKATI

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MANILA

UNIVERSITY BELT 300sqm/444sqm 937-2622/937-2640

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LOT

MANDALUYONG

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Marikina Heights 1860m² P6.5M Neg. • 931-7898

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PASIG

**Comml LOT Sixto Ave Cor 962m² 141-259275

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**Neopolitan Ph6 P4500/m² 300m² w/Fence 671-4421

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Tagaytay Country Homes I 135m² 3,200/m² 928-3267

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Sta.Crz Lag 3h P150/m² 0437788042

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OTHER AREAS

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CONDO/TWNHSE/APT

KALOOCAN

**Caloocan GF 360m² 2Sty Use 3Sty Whse 9283267

MAKATI

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CONDO/TWNHSE/APT

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RIZAL

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**Annapolis Greenhills Condo 2-3Br 7-8M 9283267

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SAN JUAN

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HOUSE

MAKATI

• Dasmarinas Vill Makati • 4BR 4383970 0917-7914379

QUEZON CITY

New Intramuros QC 120m² 2BR 1TB 2cg 10K 931-7898

RIZAL

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CONDO/TWNHSE

MAKATI

**Amorsolo East Rockwell 1Br Pkg FF 50T 8253244

**Le Metroploe Salcedo 3br 2pkg 175m² FF 80T 8253244

1BR furnh South Str Plaza 8447524

MAKATI 3BR 300m² 85T-100T/mo • 533-5525

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NOTICE OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that **Stock Cert. #5933 of Centro Escolar Univ.** issued in the name of Mamerta B. Felizardo have been reported lost. PDI-March 1, 8 & 15, 2001

PERSONAL

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all my interest and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers. Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph Patron of departing souls - Pray for me.

This prayer was found in the fiftieth year of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In 1505 it was sent from the Pope to Emperor Charles when he was going into battle. Whoever shall read this prayer or hear it or keep it about themselves, shall never die a sudden death, or be drowned, nor shall poison take effect on them; neither shall they fall into the hands of the enemy, or shall be burned in any fire or shall be overpowered in battle.

Say for nine mornings for anything you may desire. It has never been known to fail so be sure you really want what you ask.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit thou who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and who are in all instances of my life with me. I, In this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You, no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in Your Perpetual Glory. Amen.

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
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PRE-QUALIFICATION, BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE (PBAC)

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID

The Department of Foreign Affairs invites all interested parties to pre-qualify and to submit sealed bids for the following services:

a. JANITORIAL SERVICES
b. HEALTH CARE SERVICES
c. DIPLOMATIC POUCH SERVICES
d. PHOTOCOPYING SERVICES

Bid documents may be secured from the Pre-qualification, Bids and Awards Committee (PBAC), Office of the Undersecretary for Administration, 12th Floor, DFA Building, 2330 Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City, beginning **15 March 2001** after payment of a non-refundable fee of PHP 1,000.00 charged for the pre-qualification papers and processing for each of the above service. Pre-qualification requirements should be submitted on or before the dates specified below. A notarized undertaking authorizing the Department and/or its representative to verify the submissions shall be submitted together with the pre-qualification documents. For purposes of clarifying certain issues, Pre-Bid Conferences may be held upon determination by PBAC.

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ACTIVITY	JANITORIAL SERVICE	HEALTH CARE SERVICE	DIPLOMATIC POUCH SERVICE	PHOTOCOPYING SERVICE
Submission of Pre-qual. Docs	04 April 2001, 1700H (deadline)	05 April 2001, 1700H (deadline)	06 April 2001, 1700H (deadline)	06 April 2001, 1700H (deadline)
Submission of Sealed Bids	10 May 2001, 1000H, DFA Board Lounge	10 May 2001, 1400H, DFA Board Lounge	11 May 2001, 1000H, DFA Board Lounge	11 May 2001, 1400H, DFA Board Lounge
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The Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any required formality and award the contract to the bidder whose proposal is deemed the most advantageous to the Department. The Department assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify the bidder for any expenses or losses that may be incurred in the preparation of bids, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made. The Department also reserves the right to confiscate the bid bond should the winning bidder refuse to accept the contract.

(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. EBDALIN**
Undersecretary for Administration
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(PDI--March 15, 22 & 29, 2001)

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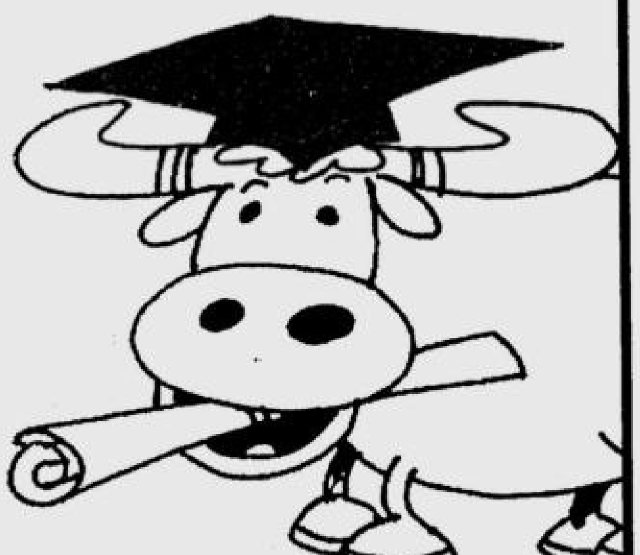

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By BONG BARRAMEDA

Delivery debate

Q. Are caesarean births named for Julius Caesar, the famous Roman general and statesman?

A. A number of authorities now dispute this popular belief, chiefly historians who point out that nobody really knows if Julius Caesar was born that way. In fact, no one is sure today if caesarian sections were even performed when he was born about 100 B.C. There are at least two other theories about where the name came from. One is that the name derives from the Latin word *caedere*, or *caesura*, which means to cut. The other theory is that under Roman law, called *Lex Caesuras*, dying women were required to be operated on in the last weeks of pregnancy in an effort to save the child.

For the Record. At the height of the Cold War, it was reported that the US possessed nuclear capacity to destroy every Soviet city of over 100,000 people 36 times, while the Soviets could destroy every US city of over 100,000 population 12 times.

Past Forward. This day in 1941: Philippine Airlines, Asia's first Airline, made its maiden flight from Nielsen Airport in Makati to Baguio, with five passengers aboard a twin-engine Beech Model 18. They sat on single seats in a cabin that allowed no one to stand up. There was no flight attendant or lavatory. Cruising at 322 kph and piloted by Americans Paul Gunn and Emil Scott, the plane reached Baguio in 45 minutes. The five passengers were William Smith, a student pilot; lawyer Allison J. Gibbs; U.S. navy officer J. L. Pratt; Mary Miller, a missionary; and Dr. Gregorio Y. Zara, assistant director of the Board of Aeronautics.

WORD WATCH

Aerophagia (er oh fay ji uh): neurotic habit of swallowing air.

PDI – March 15, 2001

Arcilla named to UN Security Council Committee

AMBASSADOR Reynaldo O. Arcilla has been appointed by United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan as a member of the five-man Committee of Experts established under UN Security Council resolution 1333 (2000) concerning sanctions on Afghanistan.

The Committee of Experts which was established for a period of 60 days effective March 19, 2001 will, *inter alia*, determine how the arms embargo on the Taliban rulers of Afghanistan and the closure of terrorist training camps in the country can be monitored.

Ambassador Arcilla was one of the country's senior diplomats at the time he availed of early retirement from the Foreign Service in late 1998 to join the private sector. He served as Alternate Representative in the Security Council in 1981, the last time the Philippines was a member of that UN body. Arcilla was at the time Deputy Permanent Representative with the rank of ambassador in the Philippine Mission to the UN. He also served as Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the UN Office in Vienna; to the UN Industrial Development Organization (Unido) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), both located in Vienna; and to the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (Escap) in Bangkok.

Arcilla was also RP envoy to Thailand, Laos, Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, and Bangladesh. He was on various occassions DFA Assistant Secretary for UN Affairs, Asean Affairs and Press and Public Affairs.

Resolution 1333 (2000), adopted in December 2000, tightens the sanctions imposed a year earlier on Afghanistan by the Security Council. The measure aims to force, among others, the Talibans to surrender the Saudi-born extremist Osama Bin Laden.

Recently, the Talibans ordered the destruction, amid an international outcry, of two mounain carvings of Buddha in the war-torn country. The statues, hewn from a cliff face in the third and fifth century, measure 175 feet and 120 feet. The taller of the two is believed to be the world's tallest standing Buddha.

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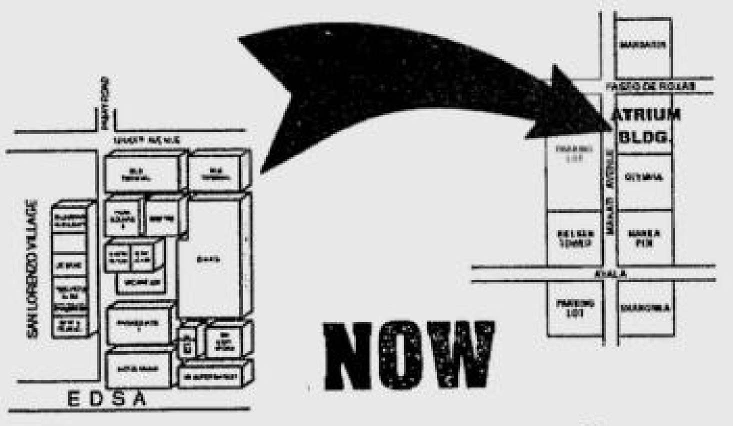

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On the 50th Death Anniversary of

VICENTE S. RUFINO, JR.

on March 15, 2001

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Our Lady of Guidance (Ermita Church)	6:30 AM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Baclaran)	6:45 AM
Our Lady of Sorrows (Harrison)	7:00 AM
Our Lady of Remedies (Malate Church)	6:00 PM
San Isidro Church (Taft)	6:30 PM
Santuario de San Antonio Parish McKinley Road, Forbes Park	6:00 PM
St. John Bosco Parish Arnaiz St., Makati City	12:15 PM
St. Alphonsus Mary De Liguori Magallanes Village, Makati City	6:00 PM

The family requests relatives, friends and the pious readers to remember him in their prayers.

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The Energy Company

The Board of Directors, Management and employees of PNOC Energy Development Corporation deeply regret the loss of mentor, adviser and beloved friend

Dr. Arturo P. Alcaraz

Father of Geothermal Energy in the Philippines

who joined his Creator on March 10, 2001 at the age of 84.

Dr. Alcaraz, fondly called "APA", will always be remembered for his pioneering efforts in geothermal development that has made the Philippines a global leader in geothermal energy.

His ideals, foresight and dedication to work will be truly missed by his energy family.

"Eternal life will swallow up that which can die. God made us for this very reason and He has given us the Spirit as a guarantee that we will live again."
2 Cor. 5:4-5

"I am the resurrection and life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever believes in Me will never die."
John 11:25-26

Our Dearly Beloved Father

MAJ. GEN. SAMUEL O. SARMIENTO (AFP RET.)

(Commanding General PAF 1976-1981)

Went home to be with the Lord Jesus, whom he loved and served, on March 13, 2001 at the age of 78.

He is survived by his loving wife **Frances**; children and their spouses **John** and **Minette**, **James** and **Sheila**, **Peter** and **Babidi**, and **Aileen**; his grandchildren **Lorenzo**, **Daniella**, **Diego**, **Matthew** and **Rachel**, **Samantha** and **Brian**, **Antonio** and **Christopher**, and **Christian Kyle**; his great grandchild **Lauren**; his brother and wife **Drs. Eli** and **Elma**; his nephews, niece; grandnephews and nieces and his loving mother **Rosario**.

His remains lie in state at the New Life Christian Center, #2 Don Manolo Blvd., Alabang Hills Village.

Necrological Service will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2001 at 7 PM.

Interment will be at 12 noon on Friday, March 16, 2001 at the Loyola Memorial Park, Parañaque.

"The Lord is my Light and my Salvation"
Ps. 27, 1

Most Illustrious Madam

Salvacion "Saching" Crisol-Salazar

Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Awardee

widow of **Dr. Rodrigo E. Salazar**

was born on May 13, 1922. She died on March 14, 2001.

Please remember her in your prayers.

We who are left behind thank God for the time He gave her to us.
We thank you who have been part of her life and ours.

Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren **Joseph** and **Renee Llaguno**; their children and grandchildren **Monsignor Ralph**, **Father Roderick Jr. SVD**, **Rose Marie** and **Roberto Clemeña**, **Randolph** and **Lourdes Apostol** and children: **Robert**, **Mary Belle** and **Ferdinand Beluan** and children **Mary Rosalind** and **Raoul Zantua** and children **Roderick III** and **Ma. Lourdes Faller** and children **Ronald** and **Loretta Austria** and children. Sister and brother-in-law, **Mayor Imelda** and **Rudecindo F. Roces**. Sisters-in-law **Carmen B. Crisol**, **Rosario S. Prado**, and **Carolina B. Salazar**.

Wake: Capilla de San Francisco, Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati City, March 14-16, 2001; 2 Marquez St., Legazpi City, March 17-19, 2001.

Burial: March 20, 2001, after the 8:00 o'clock a.m. Mass at the St. Gregory the Great Cathedral, Old Albay, Legazpi City.

"Unable are the Loved to die—For Love is Immortality"
Emily Dickinson

"From darkness let the light shine!"
Gen.1:3

We deeply announce, with deep sorrow the untimely death of

TIHANI F. TINGAL

Born on August 2, 1974 and passed away in the Grace of our Lord on March 11, 2001 at the age of 26.

The bereaved mother **Teresita**; siblings and in laws: **Jonathan** and **Rita**, **Tarla** and **Rommel**, **Teddy**; niece and nephews: **Tintin**, **Kristhan**, **Marlo**, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the family residence at #3 Justice Street, Mangaldan, Pangasinan.

Necrological services will be held at Mangaldan Catholic Church on March 18, 2001, 1 PM. Interment will follow at the Mangaldan Catholic Cemetery.

Encarnacion Alzona y Amoranto

Historian and Educator

Peacefully returned to her Creator on March 13, 2001.

Her sister **LUZ ALZONA-ZAFRA**; her brother **COL. OCTAVIO ALZONA** (ret.), nieces, nephews, relatives and friends request the faithful to pray for her soul and to rejoice in her birth to eternal life.

Her remains lie in state at Arlington Memorial Chapels, 12 G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will take place at Libingan ng mga Bayani on March 16, 2001, Friday after the 9:00 a.m. necrological services at the National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) in Bicutan.

RUTCHEL A. FAJARDO

Beloved mother, friend and counsel to all
Peacefully joined our Creator on March 11, 2001.

Her remains lie in state at Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels, Sucat, Parañaque City.

Her children **Jo**, **Tony** and **Ed**; brother **Robert** and family, and grandchild **Gene** invite all on her interment on March 16, 2001, 10:00 a.m. at the Manila Memorial Park.

ANA RUBIS AQUINO

of Lagasit, San Quintin, Pangasinan and Caloocan City

Died in the grace of our Lord on March 14, 2001 at the age of 83.

Her remains lie in state Dulce Memorial Chapels, Chapel 5 (3rd Floor), Jose Abad Santos Avenue, Manila.

Interment will be on Sunday, March 18, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. San Quintin Municipal Cemetery, San Quintin, Pangasinan.

Toyota RAV 4: One great-looking toy

TEXT AND PHOTOS BY VERNON B. SARNE

A RADICAL vehicle with a lot of spunk and attitude

CORPORATE executives play with their golf buddies. Athletes play with their competitors. Casanovas play with their lovers. Politicians play with our money. But Toyota RAV4 owners play with their handsome sport-utility.

The RAV4, whose first introduction in 1996 was responsible for the subsequent onslaught of so-called cute-utes, is now on its second generation. Already, it has established for itself the enviable image of a radical vehicle with a lot of spunk and attitude, causing many among the young, free-spirited car buyers to gravitate toward it.

This RAV4 shook off its predecessor's wholesome round edges and wore a lot of sharp, aggressive lines. Think of it as the cute, charming boy who grew up to be a ruggedly gorgeous hunk. Quite like Macaulay Culkin growing up to be Brad Pitt. If the old RAV4 caused onlookers to smile, the new one is causing everyone to drool.

Nice touches are the combative-looking headlights, the very European roof-mounted antenna, and the Porsche-like 16-inch alloy wheels.

With all due respect to Honda and Suzuki—whose CR-V and Grand Vitara do battle with the RAV4 in our market—Toyota's ravishing SUV is inch-for-inch the best-looking compact sport-ute out there. Even the expected arrivals of the Subaru Forester and the Ford Escape might do very little to negate this.

The playfulness of the RAV4 is more evident inside, where the design of the dashboard, instrument cluster, steering wheel, even aircon vents, screams the word "fun." We never really knew the variety of creative ways plastic can be molded to form a visually appealing driver's cockpit until we got inside the RAV4. The side aircon vents, for instance, provide amusement with the ingenious way they are adjusted. Even the two-tone (blue and gray) seat fabric looks great. Only the stereo with a single in-dash CD player looks like an aberration, having been fit into a 2-DIN compartment. The black plastic cover immediately underneath it certainly has no right to grace the center console of a stunning SUV.

The RAV4, despite being 150 millimeters shorter than the Corolla, is generous in interior space. With overall length and wheelbase slightly longer than the previous model, legroom in the new RAV4 is also improved.

The RAV4 carries out its role of being a plaything to the hilt. Its 2.0-liter 16-valve twincam 4-cylinder engine, now benefiting from variable valve timing (VVT-i), has jacked up its horsepower to 148 hp from the previous 127 hp. Which means a zippier and more nimble drive. Open-road and high-speed cruises are definitely more entertaining, never mind if the steering is a little too featherlight for our preference.

But the RAV4 is not all about play. It can mean business, too, what with a commodious 68-cubic-foot cargo space at the back. And let's not forget the sedan-based RAV4 is full-time four-wheel-drive. Don't think its carlike ride will prove unworthy of the gravel.

Our unit, an automatic, managed some inspired performance, but we're sure the manual version is much livelier. The automatic goes for P1.35 million, while the manual sells for P1.315 million.

We doubt it very much if you can find a sport-utility—compact, midsize, or full-size—that has more play factor than the Toyota RAV4. You will buy it not just for its technical capabilities, but also for its entertainment value. And it's one playmate that doesn't require a mansion.

FAST FACTS

TOYOTA RAV4

Type:	Four-wheel 5-door sport-utility
Engine:	2.0-liter 16-valve DOHC EFI in-line-4 VVT-i
Maximum power:	148 hp @ 6,000 rpm
Maximum torque:	19.6 kg-m @ 4,000 rpm
Transmissions:	5-speed manual; 4-speed automatic
Dimensions	(L x W x H): 4.24 m x 1.78 m x 1.70 m.
Wheelbase:	2.49 m
Front suspension:	MacPherson struts with coil springs and stabilizer bar
Rear suspension:	Double wishbone with coil springs and stabilizer bar
Brakes:	Ventilated discs in front; discs in rear
Safety:	ABS; dual front airbags; pretensioner and force limiter for front seatbelts
Wheels and tires:	16-inch alloys; 235/60 R16
Seating capacity:	5
Prices:	P1,316,000 (manual); P1,350,000 (automatic)

Rebadged cars

ON THE ROAD

Aida Sevilla-Mendoza

REMEMBER the tussle over marketing rights between Ford and Mazda? It involved Ford Motor Co. Philippines' launching in August 1999 of the Ford Ranger compact pickup truck, which Mazda's Philippine franchise holder claimed was really a rebadged Mazda B-Series pickup. It didn't help any that the first hundred or so Rangers sold here were CBUs (completely built units) imported from Thailand, where Ford and Mazda share manufacturing facilities. Ford, if you don't know it yet, owns around 30 percent of Mazda. In fact, some years ago an American executive from Ford's Dearborn, Michigan headquarters was installed as president/CEO of Mazda in Japan to turn it around.

The local dispute between Ford and Mazda—recently resolved with a handsome lump sum settlement paid by the former to the latter's licensee, sources say—highlighted the rampant rebadging that goes on globally in the motor vehicle industry. The rebadging and "twinning" of vehicles, whereby similar vehicles are sold sporting different nameplates, has increased with the mega-mergers and consolidation of auto manufacturing giants: Daimler-Benz taking over Chrysler and Mitsubishi; Ford not only buying Mazda but also Volvo, Jaguar and Aston Martin; Renault acquiring Nissan; General Motors, which already owns Opel, increasing its stakes in Isuzu, Fiat, Suzuki and Subaru; BMW acquiring and then selling off Rover and Land Rover, while Volkswagen has owned Audi since heaven knows when. To save on development costs, it has become more convenient for merged automakers to use the same chassis or body or powerplant for different vehicles.

Aside from the Ford Ranger and Mazda B-Series pickups, the locally available rebadged vehicles that come to mind are the Chevrolet Cassia 1.6-liter passenger sedan, which is a Suzuki Baleno and the Lincoln Navigator sport utility vehicle, which is identical with and a dressier version of the Ford Expedition. The Ford Explorer Sport Trac, by the way, is built on the Ford Ranger platform as is the Explorer SUV.

As mentioned in an earlier column, the Ford Lynx is marketed as the Mazda Laser in Thailand and Australia. The Ford Escape cute ute, which Ford Motor Co. Philippines wants to import in SKD (semi-knocked down) form, is a sibling of the Mazda Tribute. The Chevrolet Zafira minivan is sold with a Vauxhall nameplate in Europe, ditto the Opel Astra, Vectra and Omega. What we know as the Suzuki Vitara here is also sold as the Chevrolet Tracker in the United States, although the Grand Vitara here is also sold there as such. The Chrysler Grand Caravan is the long-wheelbase version of the Dodge Caravan while the Chrysler Town & Country is the long-wheelbase edition of the Chrysler Voyager. The Audi A3 is a Volkswagen Golf underneath and can be bought in Europe with a Skoda badge and body, the VW Passat is a cheaper twin of the Audi 6 and the Audi TT is built on a VW Golf 4Motion floorpan. The Chevrolet Silverado full-size pickup is a cousin of the GMC Sierra truck while the biggest SUV, the Chevrolet Suburban, has a GMC clone in the Yukon XL. The Toyota Land Cruiser is the foundation for the Lexus LX470 SUV while the Toyota Camry passenger sedan's platform is used as the basis for the medium-size Lexus RX300 SUV.

In a market where all these and other rebadged or identical vehicles are sold, it pays to know which model is related to which. You can buy essentially the same vehicle you want for a lower price, or with better equipment or warranty, when it is sold under a different nameplate. The range of choices in the Philippine car market may still be limited at present, but the competition is growing.

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NO MORE E-PASS RENEWAL FEE. I read in Al Mendoza's motoring column last week that Citra Metro Manila Tollways Corp. has decided to junk the annual renewal fee of the E-Pass. This is good news and a first step toward public acceptance of the controversial (because overpriced) E-Pass. Suggested next step: reduce the price of the E-Pass tag from P1,100 to P100 (minus the P500 value card). The resulting mega-increase in E-Pass subscribers will justify the conversion of more cash/coupon exit lanes to E-Pass lanes and fast-track the return on investment of Citra.

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TODAY'S BUMPER STICKER: Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

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DEFENSIVE DRIVING

How women can stay alive on the road

WOMEN drivers are not treated pleasantly on the streets all the time. They often get subjected to harassment, intimidation and pranks, mostly from "macho" drivers. For these women, defensive driving or "the art of staying alive" may be their saving grace because accidents occur anytime, any place to anyone.

Defensive driving is the technique of taking all the reasonable precautions to avoid such accidents. The defensive driver's attitude of mind allows sensible reactions, instead of aggressive ones. Other people may commit careless unexpected actions but the defensive driver avoids emotional outbursts and modifies driving skills that would suit the varying driving conditions.

Here are some useful driving tips for women drivers:

- **Before driving**—Always follow precautions so that you are prepared on the road. See to it that your vehicle is functioning properly. Also ensure that you and your passengers are wearing seatbelts. Never drive if you are ill, tired or under the influence of alcohol.
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TEXT AND PHOTOS BY VERNON B. SARNE

CORPORATE executives play with their golf buddies. Athletes play with their competitors. Casanovas play with their lovers. Politicians play with our money. But Toyota RAV4 owners play with their handsome sport-utility.

The RAV4, whose first introduction in 1996 was responsible for the subsequent onslaught of so-called cute-utes, is now on its second generation. Already, it has established for itself the enviable image of a radical vehicle with a lot of spunk and attitude, causing many among the young, free-spirited car buyers to gravitate toward it.

This RAV4 shook off its predecessor's wholesome round edges and wore a lot of sharp, aggressive lines. Think of it as the cute, charming boy who grew up to be a ruggedly gorgeous hunk. Quite like Macaulay Culkin growing up to be Brad Pitt. If the old RAV4 caused onlookers to smile, the new one is causing everyone to drool.

Nice touches are the combative-looking headlights, the very European roof-mounted antenna, and the Porsche-like 16-inch alloy wheels.

With all due respect to Honda and Suzuki—whose CR-V and Grand Vitara do battle with the RAV4 in our market—Toyota's ravishing SUV is inch-for-inch the best-looking compact sport-ute out there. Even the expected arrivals of the Subaru Forester and the Ford Escape might do very little to negate this.

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The playfulness of the RAV4 is more evident inside, where the design of the dashboard, instrument cluster, steering wheel, even aircon vents, screams the word "fun." We never really knew the variety of creative ways plastic can be molded to form a visually appealing driver's cockpit until we got inside the RAV4. The side aircon vents, for instance, provide amusement with the ingenious way they are adjusted. Even the two-tone (blue and gray) seat fabric looks great. Only the stereo with a single in-dash CD player looks like an aberration, having been fit into a 2-DIN compartment. The black plastic cover immediately underneath it certainly has no right to grace the center console of a stunning SUV.

The RAV4, despite being 150 millimeters shorter than the Corolla, is generous in interior space. With overall length and wheelbase slightly longer than the previous model, legroom in the new RAV4 is also improved.

The RAV4 carries out its role of being a plaything to the hilt. Its 2.0-liter 16-valve twincam 4-cylinder engine, now benefiting from variable valve timing (VVT-i), has jacked up its horsepower to 148 hp from the previous 127 hp. Which means a zippier and more nimble drive. Open-road and high-speed cruises are definitely more entertaining, never mind if the steering is a little too featherlight for our preference.

But the RAV4 is not all about play. It can mean business, too, what with a commodious 68-cubic-foot cargo space at the back. And let's not forget the sedan-based RAV4 is full-time four-wheel-drive. Don't think its carlike ride will prove unworthy of the gravel.

Our unit, an automatic, managed some inspired performance, but we're sure the manual version is much livelier. The automatic goes for P1.35 million, while the manual sells for P1.315 million.

We doubt it very much if you can find a sport-utility—compact, midsize, or full-size—that has more play factor than the Toyota RAV4. You will buy it not just for its technical capabilities, but also for its entertainment value. And it's one playmate that doesn't require a mansion.

FAST FACTS

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Transmissions:	5-speed manual; 4-speed automatic
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Wheelbase:	2.49 m
Front suspension:	MacPherson struts with coil springs and stabilizer bar
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Brakes:	Ventilated discs in front; discs in rear
Safety:	ABS; dual front airbags; pretensioner and force limiter for front seatbelts
Wheels and tires:	16-inch alloys; 235/60 R16
Seating capacity:	5
Prices:	P1,315,000 (manual); P1,350,000 (automatic)

Rebadged cars

ON THE ROAD

Aida Sevilla-Mendoza

REMEMBER the tussle over marketing rights between Ford and Mazda? It involved Ford Motor Co. Philippines' launching in August 1999 of the Ford Ranger compact pickup truck, which Mazda's Philippine franchise holder claimed was really a rebadged Mazda B-Series pickup. It didn't help any that the first hundred or so Rangers sold here were CBUs (completely built units) imported from Thailand, where Ford and Mazda share manufacturing facilities. Ford, if you don't know it yet, owns around 30 percent of Mazda. In fact, some years ago an American executive from Ford's Dearborn, Michigan headquarters was installed as president/CEO of Mazda in Japan to turn it around.

The local dispute between Ford and Mazda—recently resolved with a handsome lump sum settlement paid by the former to the latter's licensee, sources say—highlighted the rampant rebadging that goes on globally in the motor vehicle industry. The rebadging and "twinning" of vehicles, whereby similar vehicles are sold sporting different nameplates, has increased with the mega-mergers and consolidation of auto manufacturing giants: Daimler-Benz taking over Chrysler and Mitsubishi; Ford not only buying Mazda but also Volvo, Jaguar and Aston Martin; Renault acquiring Nissan; General Motors, which already owns Opel, increasing its stakes in Isuzu, Fiat, Suzuki and Subaru; BMW acquiring and then selling off Rover and Land Rover, while Volkswagen has owned Audi since heaven knows when. To save on development costs, it has become more convenient for merged automakers to use the same chassis or body or powerplant for different vehicles.

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DEFENSIVE DRIVING

How women can stay alive on the road

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Here's a friendly bet: Either Panis or Frentzen will hit Top 6 on Sunday.

A bottle of red wine, Arnel D?

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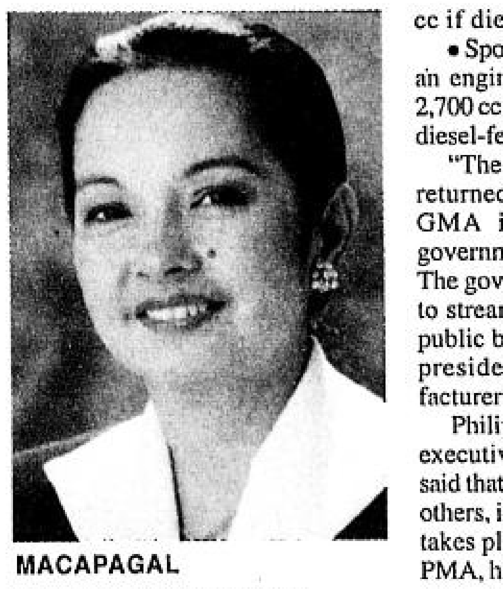
QUOTE ME. Most Formula One drivers lose more weight during an actual race than when they are exercising.

MOTORING

CESAR D. MANGAWANG, Editor

Gov't asks auto industry to help in disposing of luxury vehicles

BY TESSA R. SALAZAR



MACAPAGAL

AS THE GOVERNMENT tries to prevent purchases of vehicles it defined as luxurious, and to auction off existing luxury vehicles for much-needed revenues, it has asked the Philippine Motoring Association and the Philippine Automotive Federation Inc. for technical support for the vehicles' correct valuation. It has likewise asked the industry to look into the vehicle models, engine displacement, condition and assurance of availability of these vehicles' spare parts and services support.

So far, the Office of the President has surrendered 27 luxury vehicles while the Bureau of Customs surrendered 63. More luxury vehicles nationwide will be turned over as all government offices are directed to account for all their motor vehicle units and prepare a disposal program for all luxury motor vehicles.

Comprehensive inventory

Administrative Order No. 4 issued by President Macapagal directs the rationalization of the acquisition, deployment, utilization and disposition of motor vehicles for government operations. It requires all heads of the departments and other national government offices to submit a comprehensive inventory of their motor vehicles to be submitted to the Department of Budget and Management on March 15, 2001.

A luxury vehicle, as defined by the President's order, refers to any passenger motor vehicle priced in the local market at P1.3 million or more at the time of acquisition or with the following engine displacement specifications:

- A car—sedan or hatchback—with an engine displacement exceeding 2,200 cc if gasoline-fed or 3,000 cc if diesel fed.
- Passenger van or pickup with an engine displacement exceeding 2,200 cc if gasoline-fed or 3,000 cc if diesel-fed.
- Passenger wagon with an engine displacement exceeding 1,800 cc if gasoline fed or 2,500 cc if diesel fed.
- Sport utility vehicle (SUV) with an engine displacement exceeding 2,700 cc if gasoline-fed or 3,000 cc if diesel-fed.

"The luxury vehicles are being returned now per instruction of GMA in consonance with the government's desire to cut costs. The government, meanwhile, wants to streamline the procedures at the public bidding," said Frank Nacua, president of the Truck Manufacturers Association.

Philippine Motoring Association executive director Johnny Angeles said that the role of the PMA, among others, is to ensure that transparency takes place during the bidding. The PMA, he added, should also make sure that vehicles are presentable to the buying public.

Rationalization plan

The AO also directed the executive secretary and the budget secretary to prepare a government motor vehicle rationalization plan within 30 days after receipt of all motor vehicle inventories. The plan should also contain a detailed profile of the motor vehicle fleet of government agencies, as well as recommendations for dispositions, including the options to auction, redeployment and transfer to other agencies.

The AO stresses that such measures should be with full consideration of "revenue proceeds" and "budgetary impact."

Two months ago, Executive Secretary Renato de Villa was quoted as saying that government officials should use ordinary vehicles to set an example "in these times when people are struggling to make ends meet." He stressed that it is wrong to see government officials in luxury vehicles.

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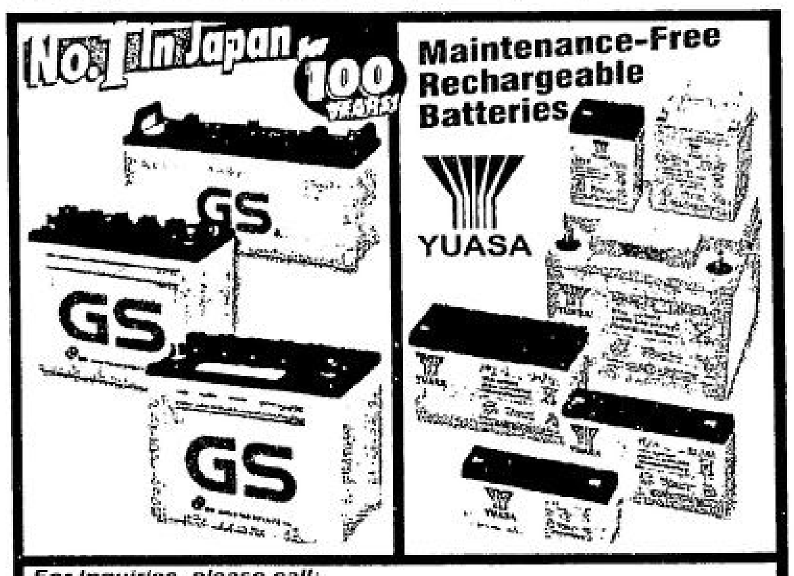

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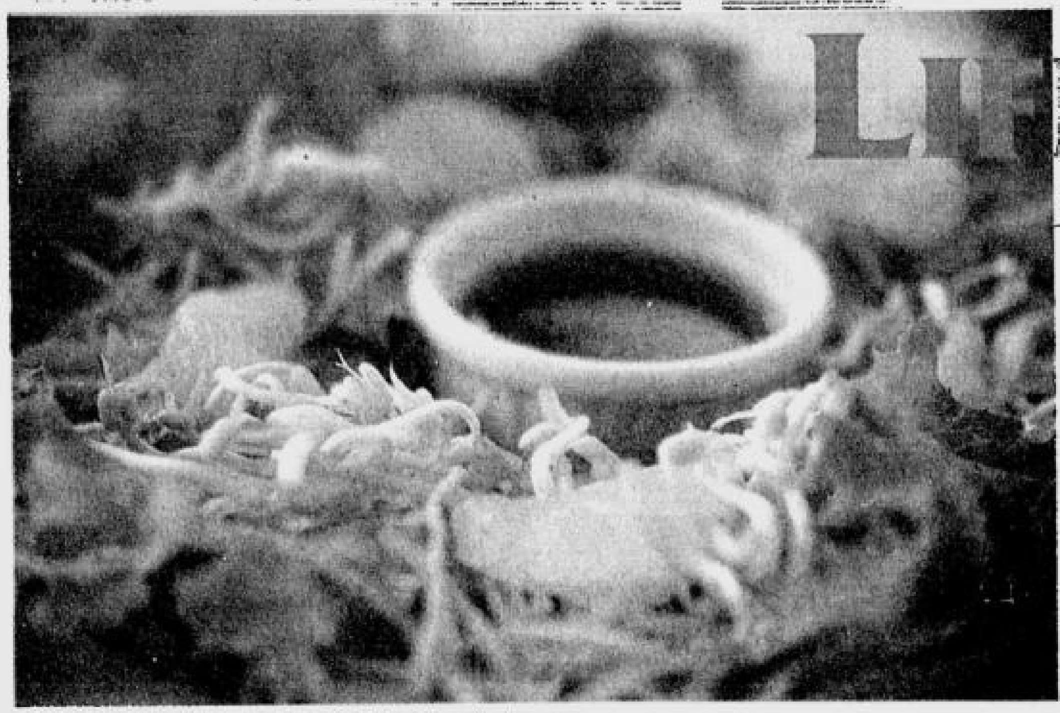

CRISP AS A SUMMER'S DAY. Oriental salad

A taste of the world

BY CATHY BABAO GUBALLA
PHOTOS BY MIKE ALQUINTO

Liven up your lunch or dinner with delightful surprises from around the globe

GET a taste of Spain, Mexico, Italy and Thailand and—would you believe, Tondo—on your lunch hour. Mundial, the newest self-service restaurant on bustling Tomas Morato, serves world cuisine suited to Filipino taste. Mundial means global, but it also translates to an upbeat, bright, cheery dining experience complemented by great service and full-flavored platters of cuisine from around the world.

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Yuppies and Mommies

Mundial is the baby of the Pineda family whose patriarch Nandi has always had a passion for cooking and great food. His youngest son Chook is in charge of the restaurant's day-to-day operations, the kitchen and commissary while his girlfriend, Cris Crisol, is involved in the marketing and quality control of the 50-70 seat diner.

Since it was opened three months ago, visitors from banks, offices and nearby television studios have kept streaming in. "It's reasonably priced and has excellent food," one customer commented. Cris tells us that majority of the crowd are young professionals who need to get back to the office yet want to have a good, quick meal in pleasant surroundings. We noted that service at Mundial is brisk and the staff is attentive to the diners' needs. Working Moms who don't have the time to cook and want to take something home for dinner also comprise a large part of their clientele. "It's an alternative to burgers and pizza," Cris adds. A second branch, set to open on the last week of March at the Shangri-La Metrolink, will surely meet the needs of harried commuters on their way to the MRT.

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Cris, an avowed environmentalist, tells us that the dishes at Mundial are cooked with olive oil and the freshest ingredients. "We have our own herb garden at the back of the commissary," she proudly notes. Take-out dishes are not in your regular styrofoam containers but in microwaveable ones—ready for heating and eating.

The comfort rooms at Mundial are noteworthy as its doors

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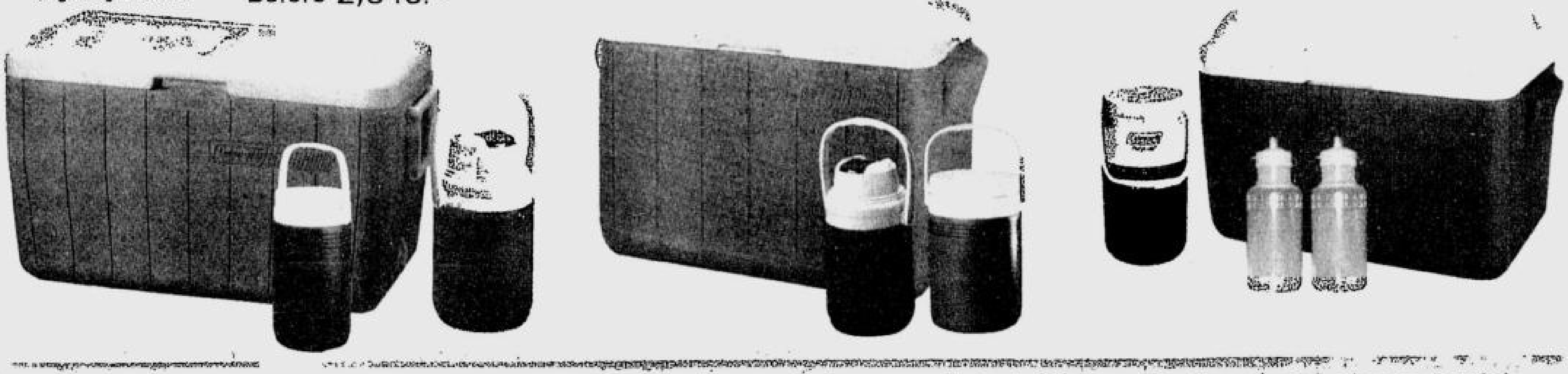

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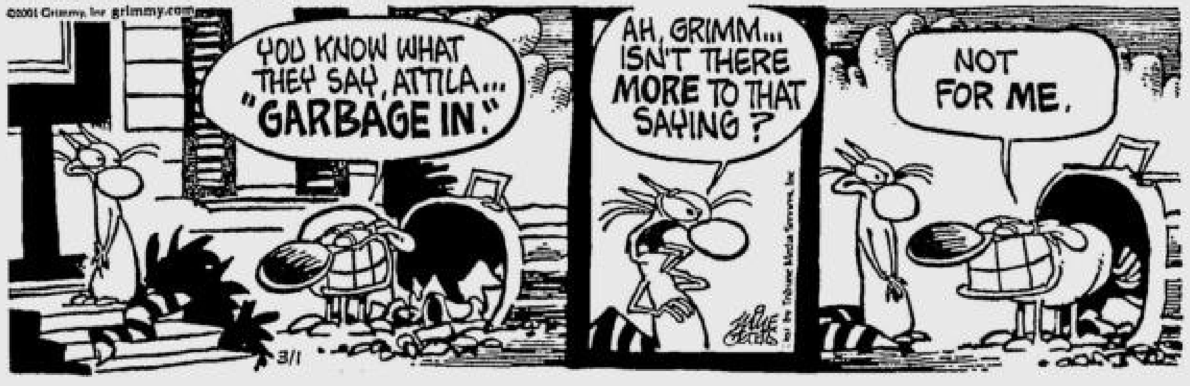
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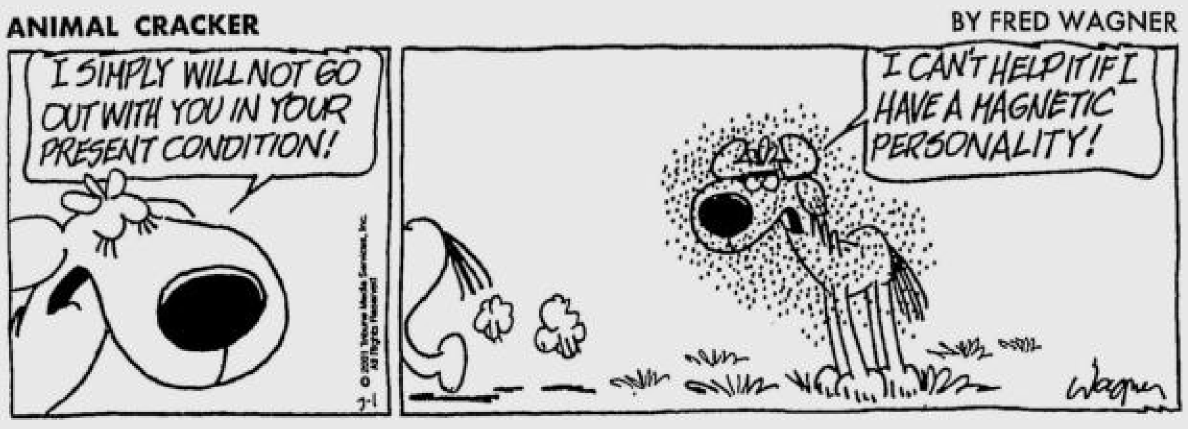
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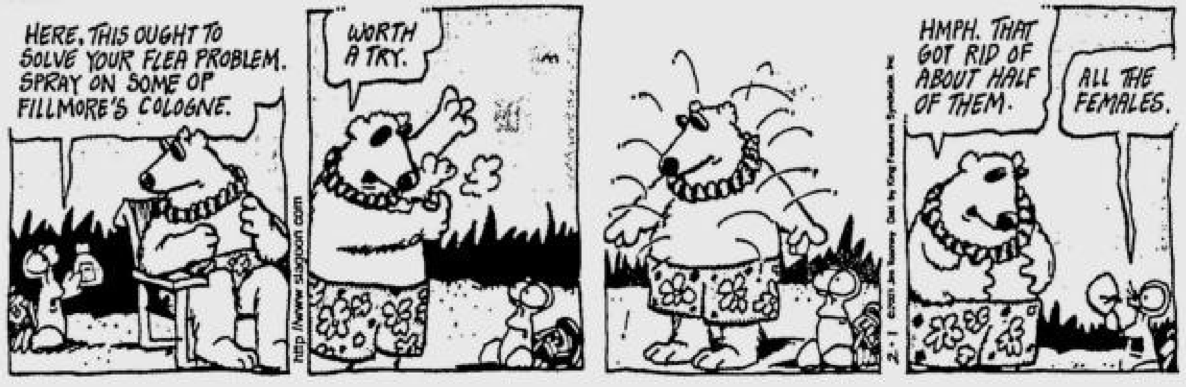
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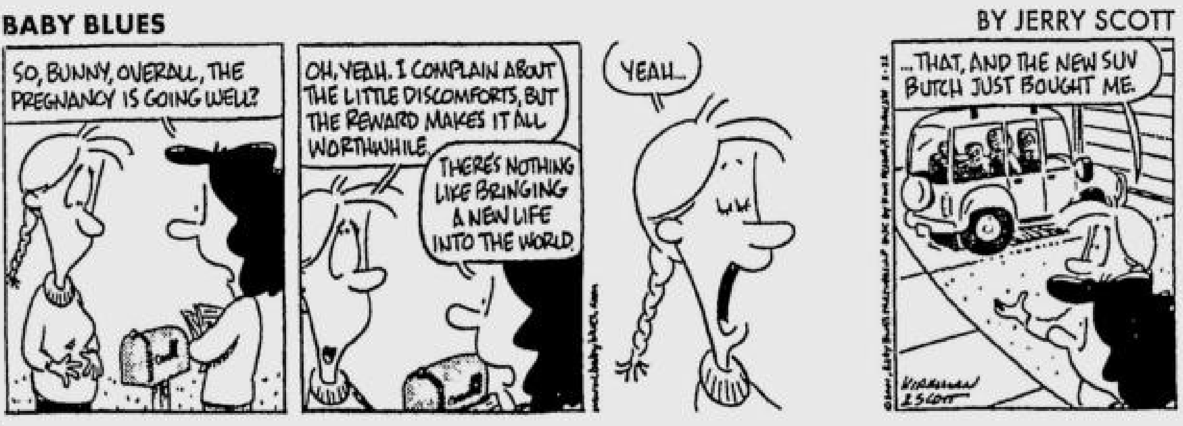
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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You need to interact with relatives who will be able to shed some light onto your past. Trips will be rewarding but expensive. Try to get along ith those at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-I ov. 21): It won't do any good to become about money matters. You will have to set a budget and make sure that everyone in the family sticks to it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will be emotional regarding a family problem. Try to deal with the issue as quickly as possible and return to the activitoes you enjoy most.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will have to be careful that someone you work with doesn't take you the wrong way. Your intentions may be honorable, but your approach may be questionable. Don't be too eager to let anyone know your secrets.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Get involved in groups that offer intellectual stimulation. You can meet potential mates. However, do make sure that they aren't already going out with someone else.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Unite with colleagues, and you'll be surprised how well strength in numbers works. You can also make suggestions for improving working conditions and efficiency.

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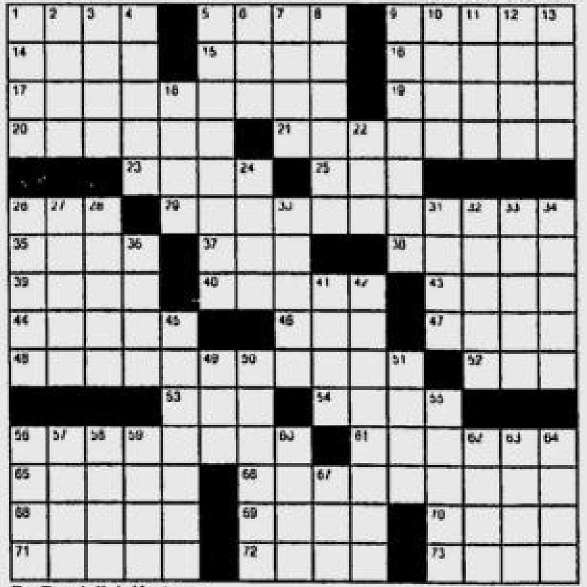

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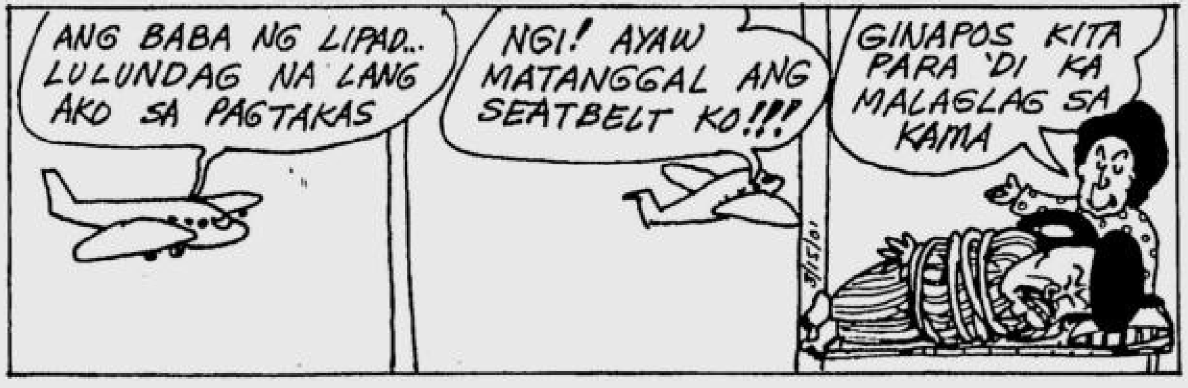
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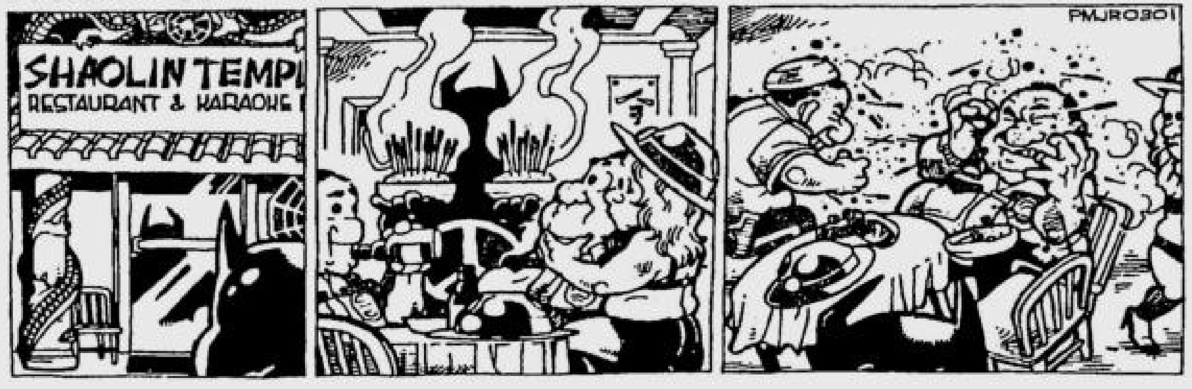
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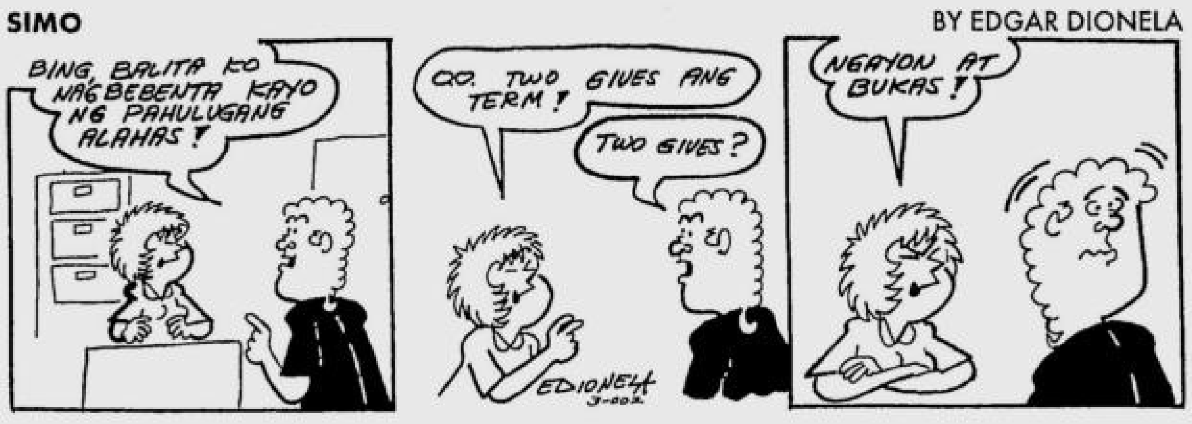
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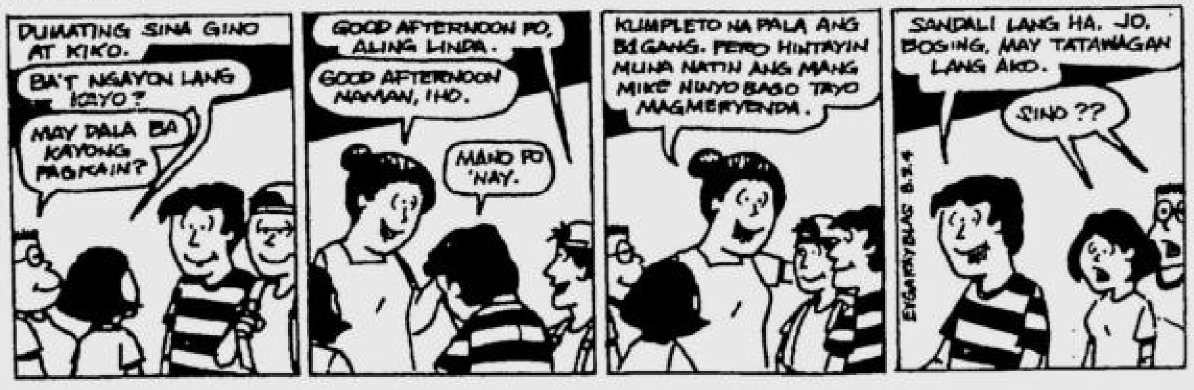
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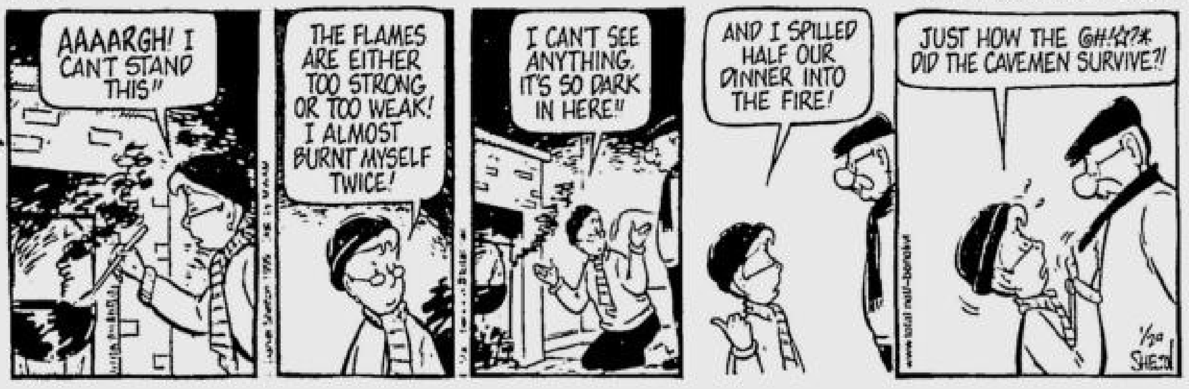
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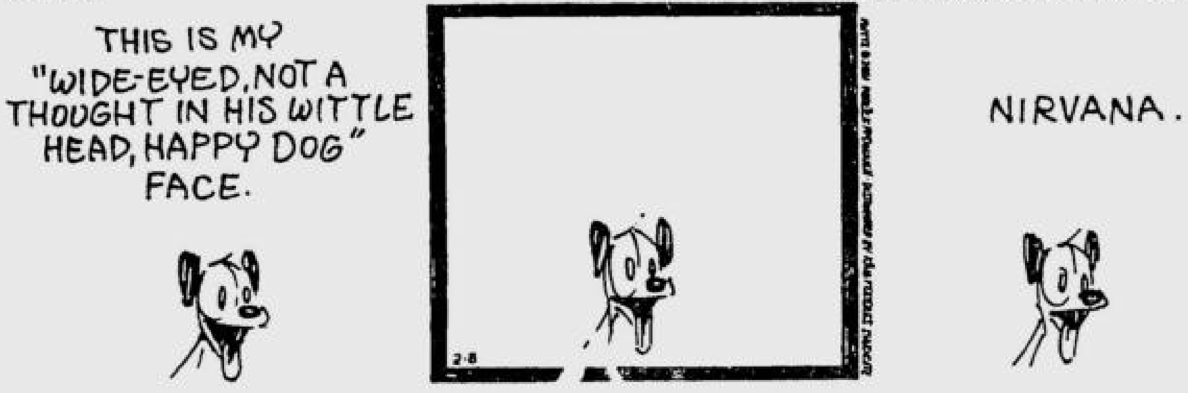
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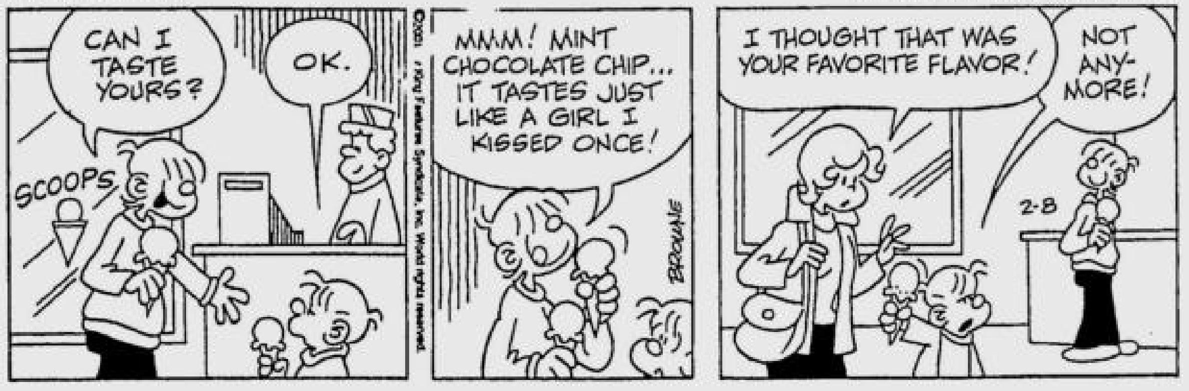
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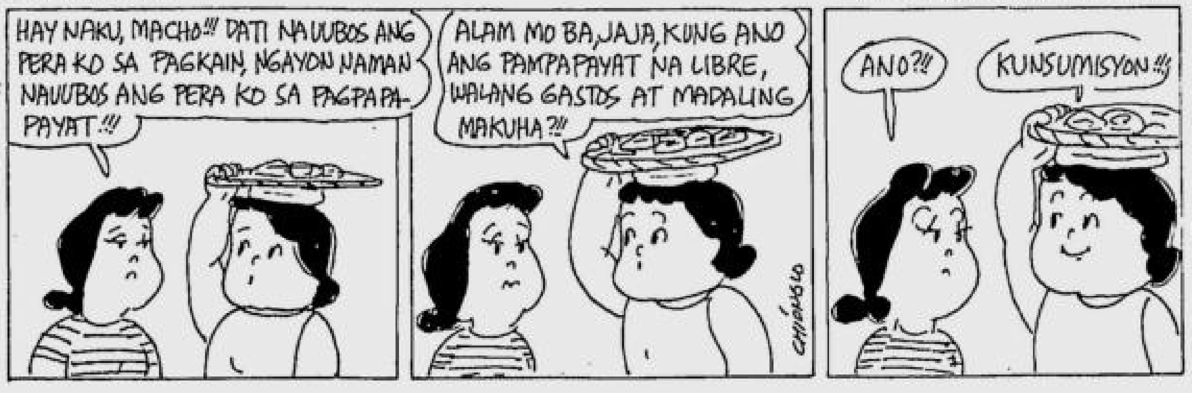
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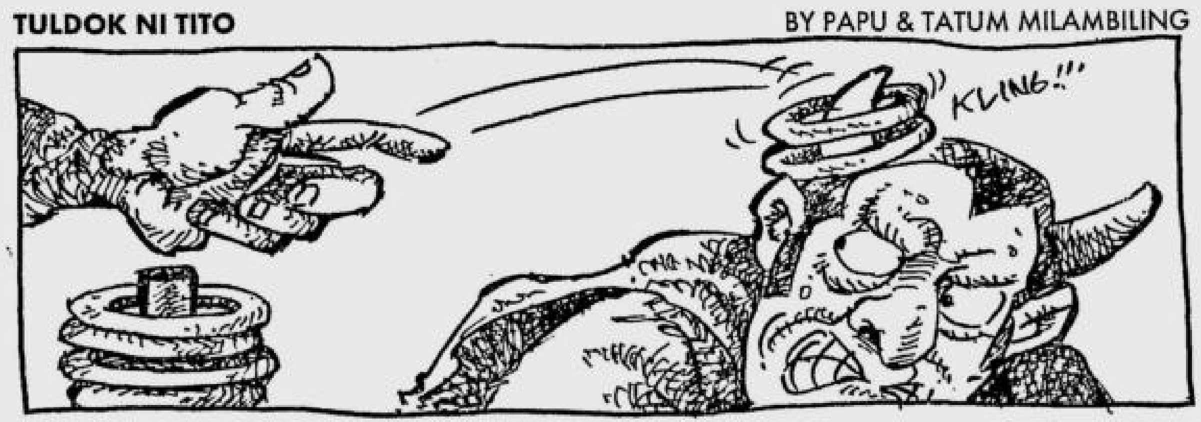

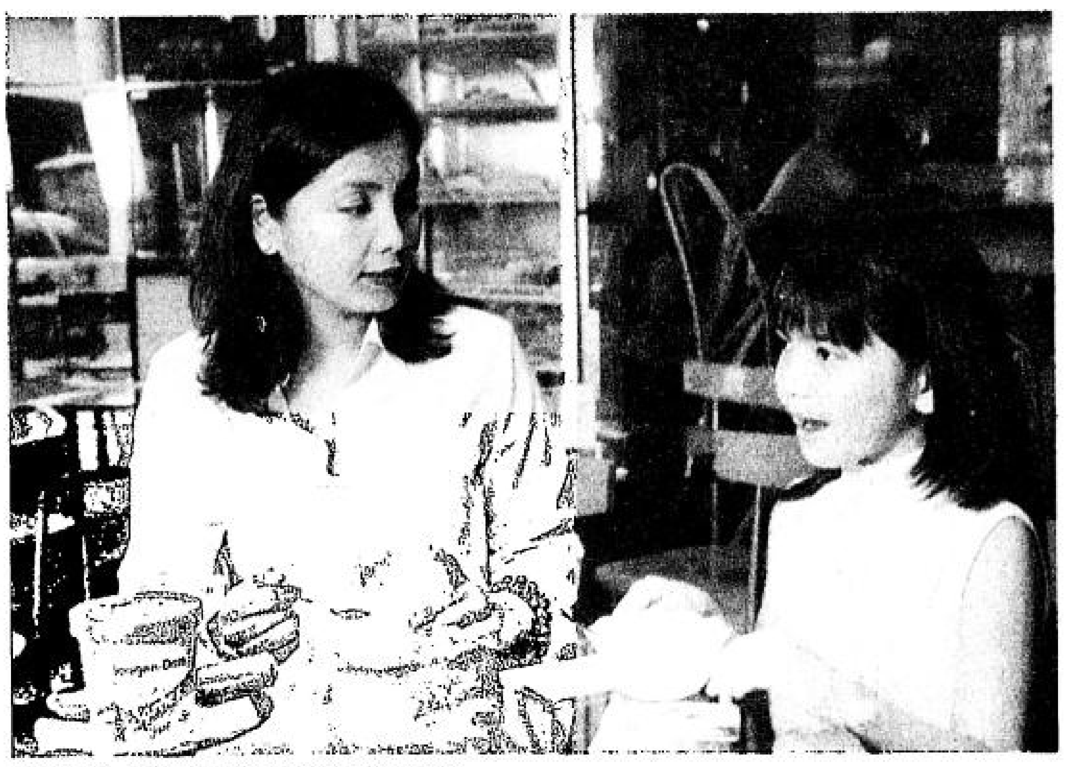

MARITEL Nievera with daughter Frances

An experience of pure pleasure

SOME of the most interesting people on earth are those who seem to be doing hundreds of things at the same time and excelling in each one of them. Keeping a schedule that starts at dawn and ends at midnight is something they may not exactly revel in, but hey, if it allows them to do all they want, what the heck, right?

"Wake up early and sleep late" is how friends Katrina Goulbourn, Margarita Locsin and Ginggay Joven put it, and the likes of JC Gonzalez, Robbie Herrera, Mons Romulo Tantoco and Maritel Nievera could not agree more.

So where do they find the time to breathe, spend time with themselves and be in tranquil peace? These young people always find time to get away from the day's worries and they do not necessarily have to leave town to do it. In fact, they don't even have to leave home. The answer: Haagen-Dazs ice cream.

Margarita, Ginggay and Katrina are three friends who can barely keep up with each other because of the nature of their jobs. Aside from writing on the side for publications, Margarita works full-time as a corporate communications officer for the multinational company Cemex. Ginggay is the editor in chief of a leading teen glossy magazine while Katrina designs for Silk Cocoon and has a bridal line under her own name. It's no wonder then why they don't often see as much as they like but a scoop of two of strawberry sherbet in a nearby Haagen-Dazs café can always be an excuse. "It is our stress-reliever and it definitely cools our brains," the three friends say. "And we have reason to get together and talk for hours!"

Another one whose friends wonder where he finds quality time to spend with his family, friends and girlfriend is JC Gonzalez. JC is one of the hosts of ANC's "Breakfast," Studio 23's "Digital Tour" and during the basketball season, he was a sportscaster for Mesa and UAAP. A guy who likes to have fun, his day begins at 5 a.m. and ends around 2 p.m. It was one of JC's friends who sealed his love affair with Haagen-Dazs. "We were in the mall and he kept on badgering me to buy Haagen-Dazs' Dulce De Leche. I told him, 'No way am I going to spend that much, *pare*.' But my friend went on and on about Haagen-Dazs' wasn't-just-ice-cream, it was an experience not to be missed. Finally, I relented and my friend was right, *hanep talaga*. Nothing beats Dulce De

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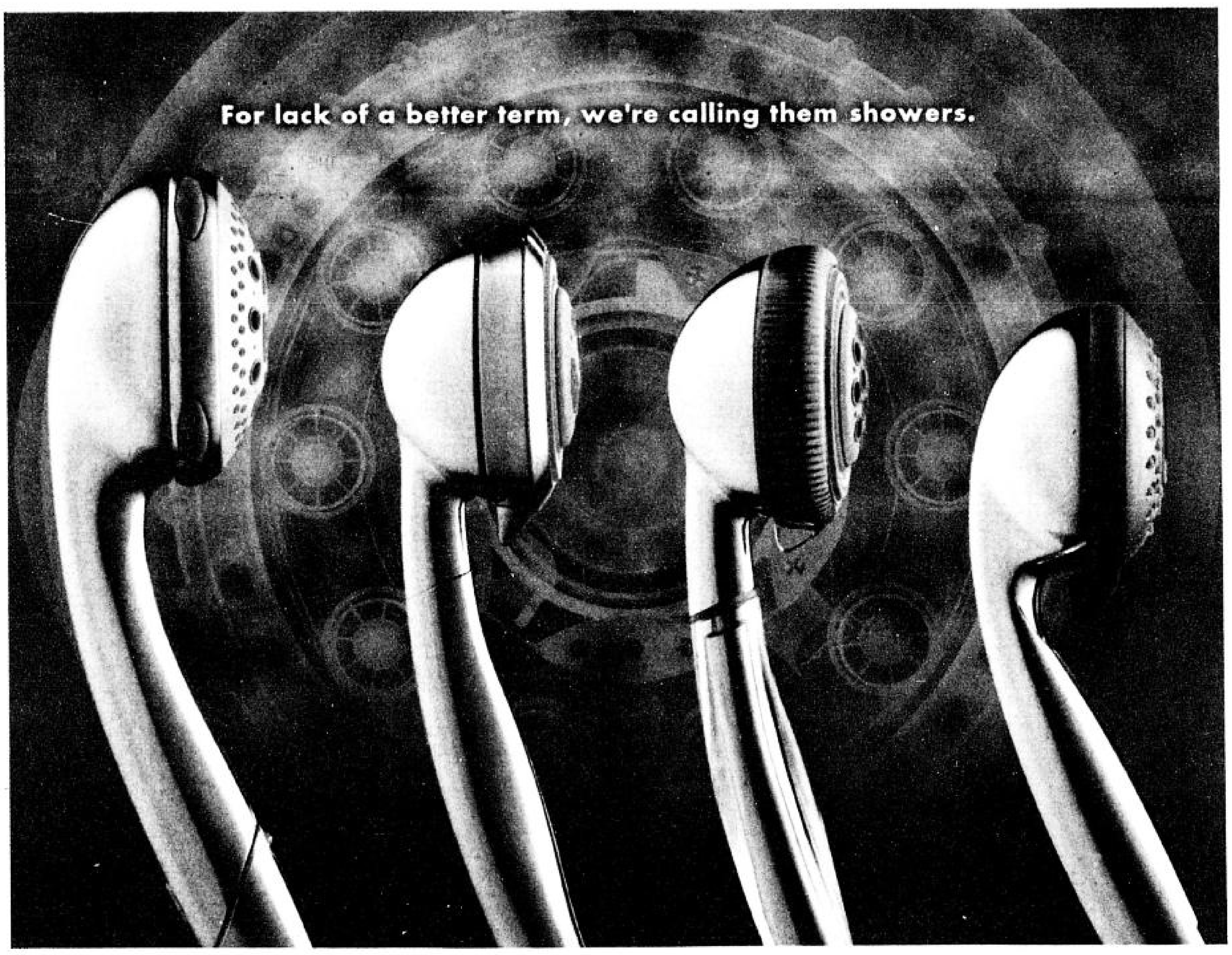

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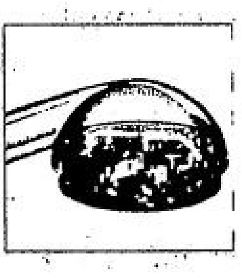

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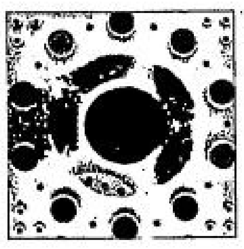

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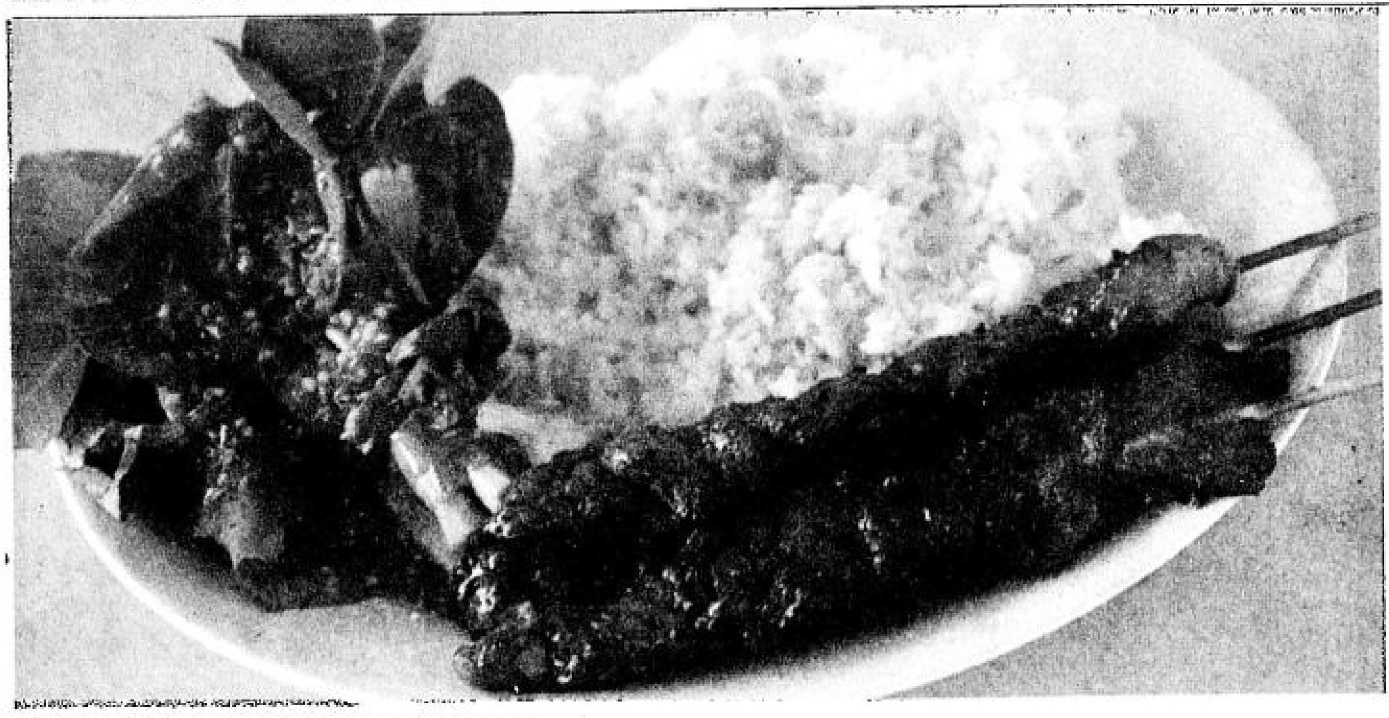
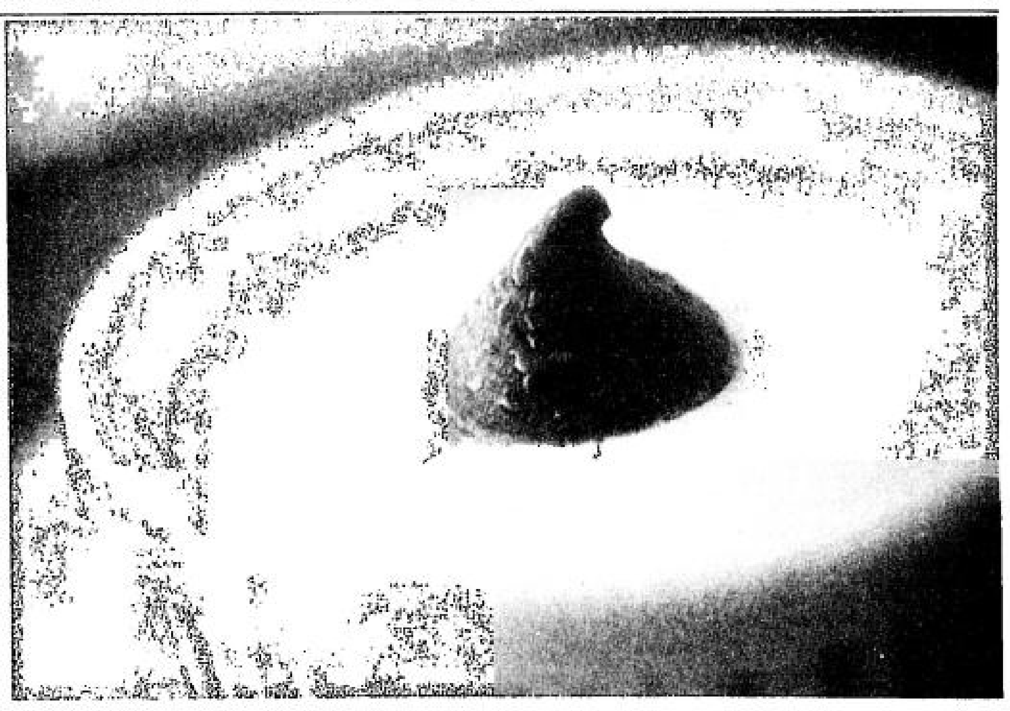


TONDO-TONDO. A meal for hearty appetite



DREAM DESSERT. Mundial's famous Engaño

A taste of the world

A TASTE OF THE WORLD. Chook Pineda and Chris Crisol in front of Mundial

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have been artistically designed by Cris herself—a play on the name "woman" and "man" written beautifully in various languages. The toilets feature the half-flush/full-flush system to conserve water.

Mundial's interiors are done in cheery lime and cool apple green with contemporary, stylish furniture, stainless steel accents and halogen track lighting. Its floor-to-ceiling window in front of the restaurant eliminates or minimizes the need for indoor lighting during the day.

Something for everyone

Though the restaurant has both smoking and nonsmoking areas, huge and efficient filters hanging from the ceiling assure diners that they do not come out of Mundial smelling of food or cigarette smoke. On the day we were there, seated right across us were three women puffing away yet when we left the place, there was nary a trace of smoke on our clothing.

At present, access to Mundial is via a steel ramp, which is good for disabled persons. It's a fun place for families to dine on weekends. Moms who are health-conscious and watch their weight will be delighted with Oriental Salad, heap of greens and mandarin slices with a delectable dressing. Children will enjoy the super delicious Fresh Tomato and Basil Pasta (very healthy and yummy with, take note, real fresh tomatoes, not the canned variety). Dads and teeners can select from a wide array of rice dishes or healthy sandwiches—Kani sandwich (crab sandwich) with Wasabi Mayo is a hit.

A meal at Mundial is not complete unless you partake of Nandi Pineda's famous Engaño, a heavenly dessert made of cream patisserie and sponge cake. As the name suggests, it's sooo good that it will certainly lure you to break that diet.

Liven up your lunch break at this festive dining place. Where else can you get an affordable, delectable taste of the world in just an hour?

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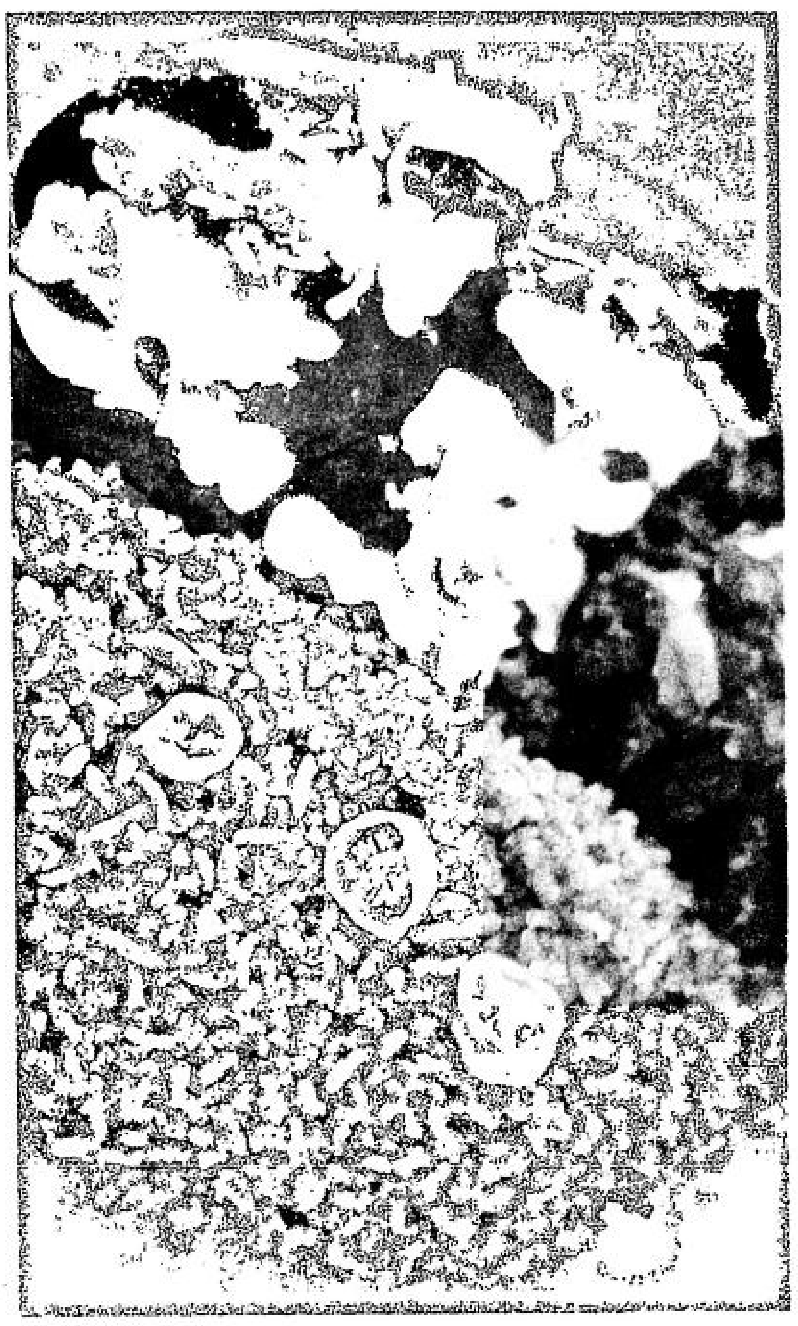
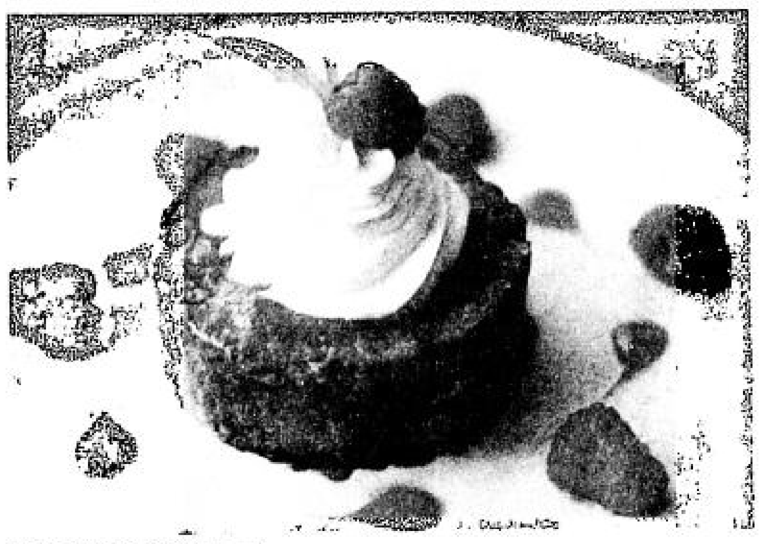


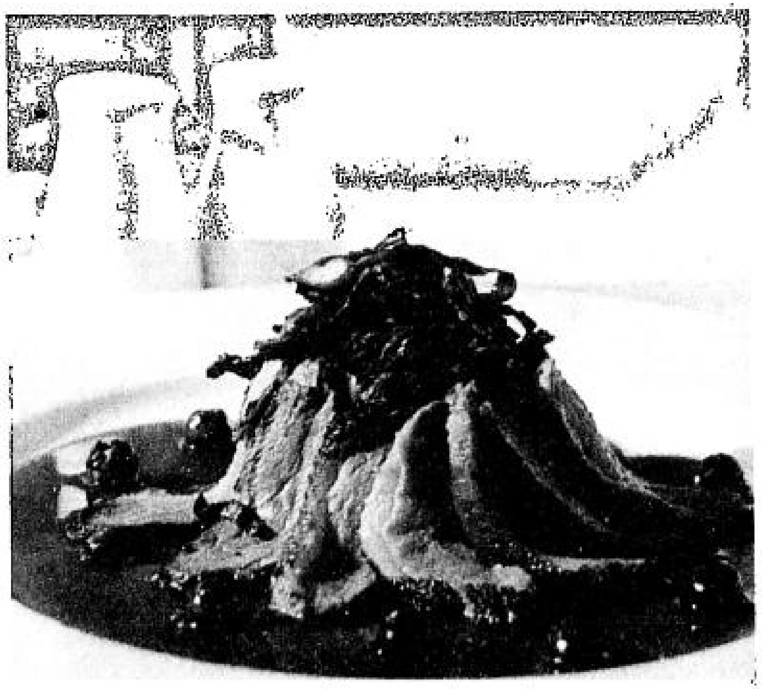
SOUTH OF THE BORDER. Chicken Enchilada with Pueblo Rice and Chili Con Carne



RASPBERRY Gateau

GRILLED Ginger Salmon

SALAD Parade



DUCK Breast In Blueberry Sauce

Global culinary adventure

CAFÉ Berrio at the fifth floor of Discovery Suites takes you on a global culinary adventure with its new menu offerings consisting of a superb collection of international flavors, tasteful pleasures and exotic dishes.

Since its opening last year, Café Berrio has elevated coffee shop fare to higher level with innovative offerings that are reasonably priced for both locals and foreign visitors.

Executive chef Rick Abasta has created exciting new menu items that take inspiration from the world's food capitals but retain the culinary creativity that Café Berrio is known for. The new dishes showcase Abasta's mastery of his craft and ingenious use of ingredients.

Try the Duck Breast in Blueberry Sauce, a nouvelle creation of pan-roasted duck breast marinated in a balsamic infusion and served with potato pancake, apple and red cabbage confit and blueberry jus.

Or sample the mouth-weatering Tomato Tower, a dazzling visual delight of fresh tomatoes with fontina and mozzarella cheese and fresh basil on a bed of greens with candied walnuts, pesto and Italian dressing.

TOMATO Tower

Another must-try is the Grilled Ginger Salmon—fresh salmon marinated in a ginger citrus infusion and served with creole rice, leeks and mango cilantro cream sauce.

Other exciting dishes which both seafood and meat lovers will enjoy are Lemon Grass Shrimp, Seafood Pianono, Pasta Primavera and Tuna Tempura Sashimi.

For the health buff, Café Berrio presents Salad Parade, which allows you to create your own salad from a choice of the crispiest garden greens, the most luscious cherry tomatoes and other bountiful fruits of nature along with a medley of homemade dressings for P195 per person and P150 per person with an entrée order. Salad Parade is available at Café Berrio from Mondays to Thursdays, 6:30-10:30 p.m.

Cap your meal with sinful desserts from Café Berrio's special dessert buffet. Sink your sweet tooth into some of the best desserts concocted at Café Berrio. Indulge yourself for only P195. This is available every Friday and Saturday. Call 635-2222.

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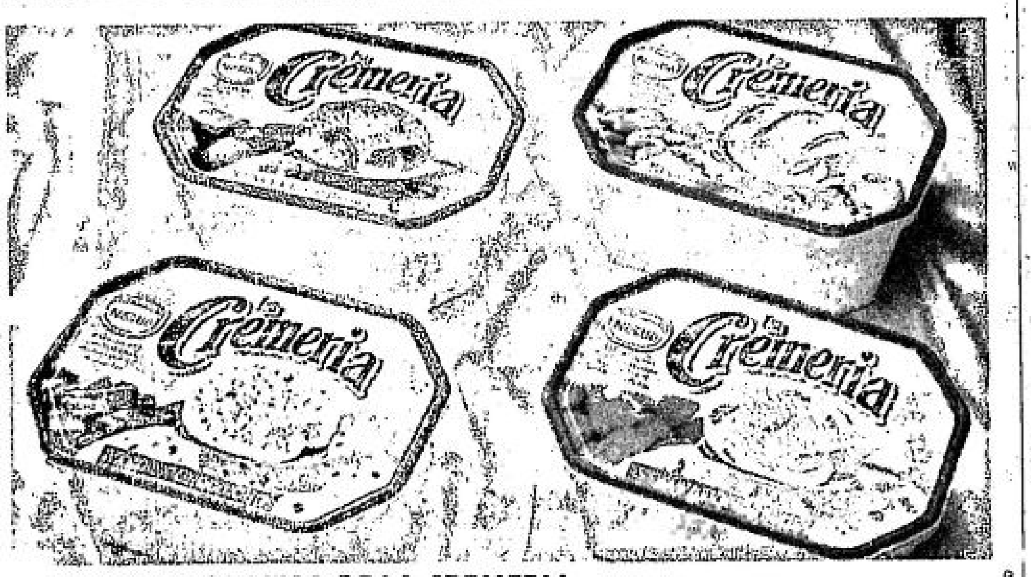
BUDDIES Margarita Locsin, Ginggay Joven and Katrina Goulbourn



CREAMY GOODNESS OF LA CREMERIA

La Cremeria, the premium ice cream from Nestle, is now available locally. It comes in four flavors: Vanilla Choco Chip (vanilla ice cream with real chocolate chips), Chunky Choco Brownie (chocolate ice cream with chunky brownie chews), Strawberry Fields (strawberry ice cream with luscious strawberries) and Almond Pecan Praline (pecan ice cream with crunchy almonds and choco fudge). La Cremeria is packed in a unique octagonal 1.5 liter plastic tub, making it rust-free and features a first-of-its-kind tamper-proof lid for guaranteed freshness.

An experience of pure pleasure

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Leche in my book."

On the other hand, Robbie Herrera, executive vice president of Smith Bell Medical Technologies Inc., drools for Haagen-Dazs' strawberry bar. A fitness buff, he admits that it's probably the only indulgence he allows himself. "I watch what I eat and I always drink water lang. None of those carbonated drinks for me, thank you. But when it comes to Haagen-Dazs' strawberry bar, well, I just can't help it. Especially this summer, it's the best company to have on a scorching day on the beach."

For Mons Romulo-Tantoco, Haagen-Dazs ("anything chocolate or pistachio") is her comfort food, something she can rely on to make her feel better and her day brighter. A full-time mom, a role she clearly relishes, Mons even encourages her kids to eat and have fun with ice cream. "Why deprive them of it especially when their own mom loves it? I also see it as healthy because of its milk content."

A mother herself, restaurateur Maritel Nievera, owner of the Cabalen chain of restaurants, knows how much time running a restaurant can take so she has made it a point to spend her morning and nights with her 8-year-old daughter, Frances. "I wake up at 6 a.m. to see her off to school and before she goes to sleep, I make sure I'm there so we can talk how her day went." Fridays are also sacred for mother and daughter. It's the day when Maritel picks Frances at school and treats her out to a big lunch and afterward, Haagen-Dazs. "We both like Haagen-Dazs' mango sherbet and we usually buy ourselves a cup of it when we go strolling in the mall."

Whether they have it on their office breaks or on special occasions, all are one in saying that Haagen-Dazs, the world's finest ice cream, is an experience of pure pleasure. A spoonful or a scoop is enough to transport them to a place and enjoy a moment's peace from their chaotic calendars. As one of them says, "Haagen-Dazs makes you forget the day's worries even for just a few minutes."

New promo gives millions of prizes

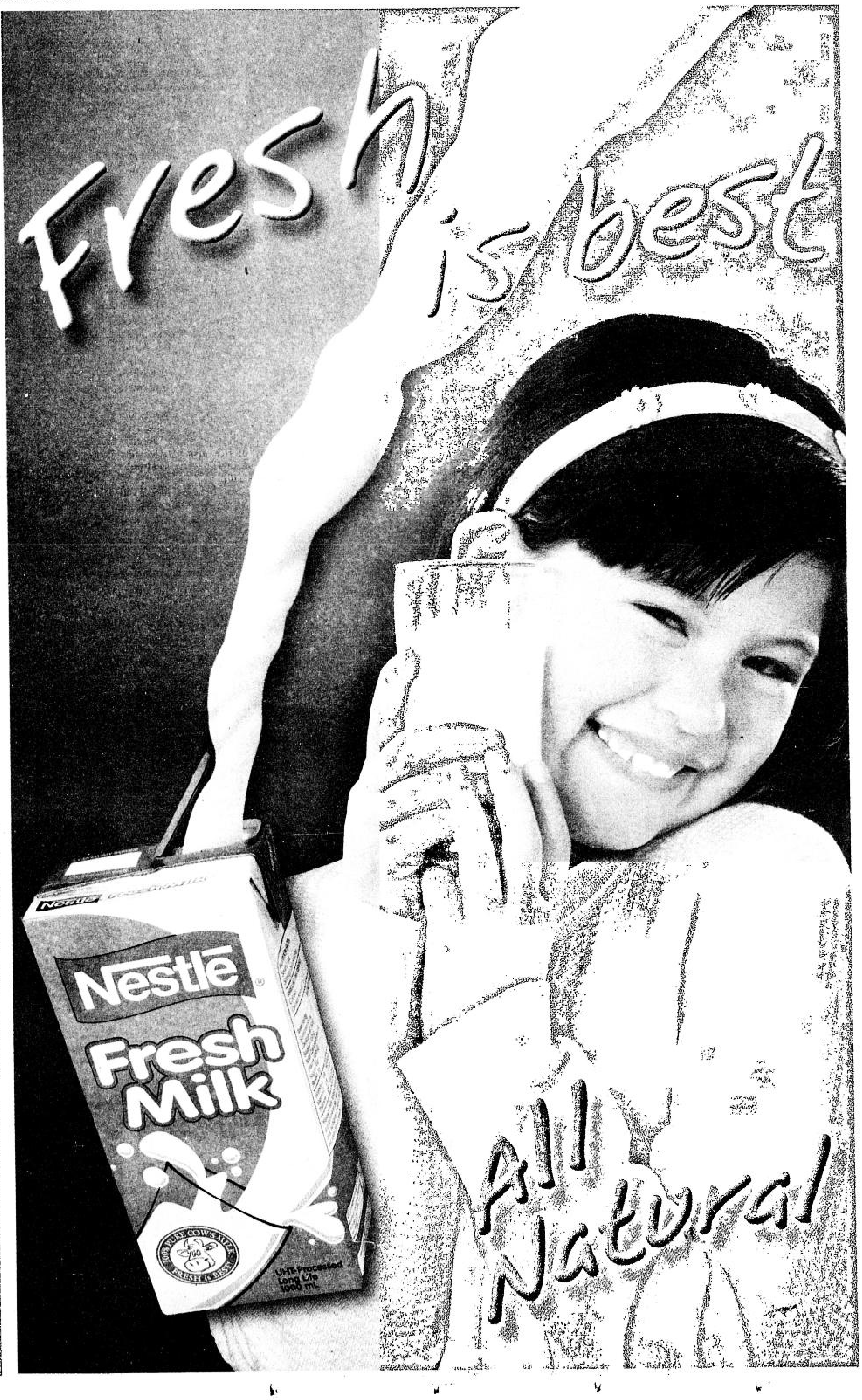
COCA-COLA'S latest promo, the Coca-Cola "GimiCodes," is set to give away more than 30 million bottles of 12-oz Coca-Cola. Laid end-to-end, those bottles combine for 8,300,720 meters. That's three times longer than the vaunted Great Wall of China's 2,400,000-m length. Stack them on top of one another and they dwarf Mt. Everest's vertical limit of 8,848 meters by a thousand to one!

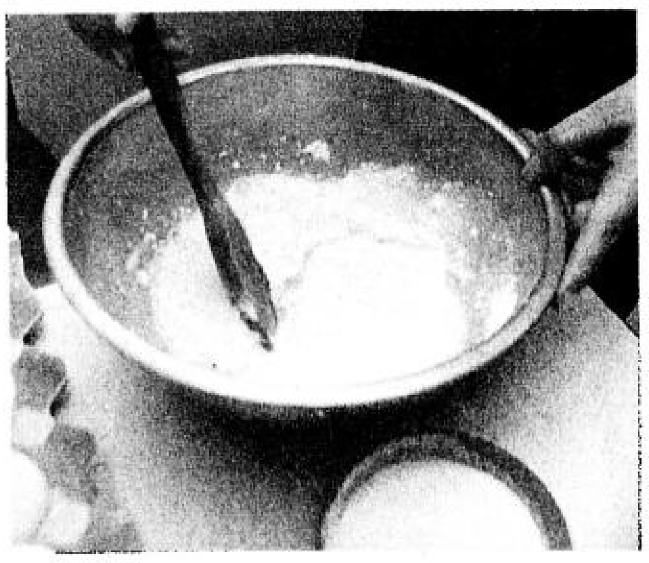
Collect and look under the crowns of specially marked 12-oz and 1-liter bottles of Coca-Cola, Royal Tru-Orange, Sprite and Lift, which are marked with free 12-oz Coca-Cola, or a GimiCode, which is a combination of two numbers and two letters.

Winning GimiCodes are announced every day at 12 nn on ABS-CBN until April 21. There are lots of instant GimiCode daily winners, each winning P100,000 in cash, plus a bonus gimmick gadget such as a cell phone kit, portable VCD/CD player, among others.

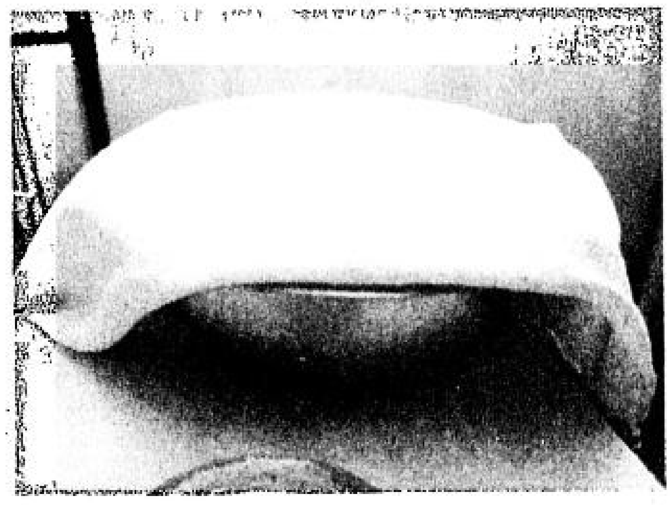
Rich and filling combo meals

ENJOY six money-saving combo meals this summer. Each Siksik meal in 7-Eleven consists of a hot and filling *merienda* plus an ice cold Del Monte juice drink or an 8-oz Gulp. Combo 1 is only P23 and you'll enjoy a regular plain hotdog. A hot *siopao* awaits you in Combo 2 for P30. Savor a regular cheesedog for P24.50 in Combo 3. If you like it hot, get Combo 4 at P36 for a chilidog. Combo 5 at P 32 will get you a jumbo hotdog. A jumbo cheesedog is Combo 6 at P35. 7-Eleven's Siksik meals are available 24 hours a day until April 30.





1 **FOR FIRST** beating, put yeast, sugar, milk, water and flour in a bowl. Mix with wooden spoon until smooth.



2 **COVER** the bowl with a clean cloth or towel. Set aside for 10 minutes until the mixture doubles in size.

3 **SECOND** beating: After 10 minutes, add egg yolks, sugar and all-purpose flour. Beat well. Knead and shape into a ball. Cover and let rise again for another 30 minutes.

4 **WHEN** the dough has doubled in size, add egg yolks, melted butter and sugar. Blend well. Add gradually the all-purpose flour. Then place the mixture on a greased tabletop.

Dressing up the lowly 'ensaimada'

BY VANGIE BAGA-REYES
PHOTOS BYJOHNNY VILLENA

LIKE fashion, our favorite *ensaimada* has evolved through the years. We used to see it in our neighborhood bakeshop as a simple bread roll richly coated with sugar and margarine.

In recent years, it has become more elaborate in look, added with grated cheese and whipped cream on top. Its texture has been enhanced, with slivers of ham, bacon and other meat fillings. And the taste has never been more exciting and fun with *ube* and *pandan* flavors.

STEP BY STEP

Before tackling the many possibilities one can do with *ensaimada*, let's go back to the basics and relearn the techniques of its making. Then you can make your own variation.

You will need 3-4 hours of preparation before baking because it requires the dough to rise at least three times. Kitchen gadgets are minimal: rolling pin, wooden spoon, muffin molder and clean towel.

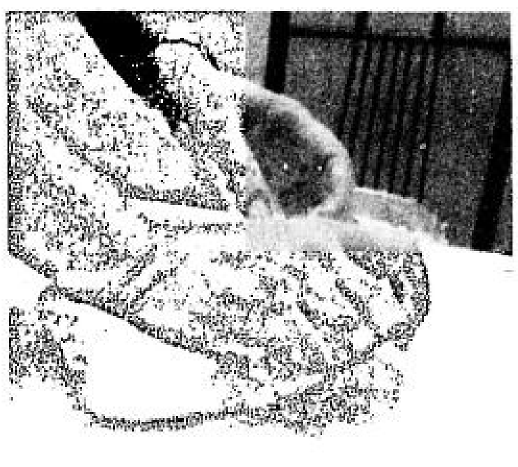
Linda Aldea of Gateau de Manille Bakeshop (117 Katipunan Road, White Plains, QC) whips up a petite *ensaimada* for easy bite. All ingredients are locally available, including the instant yeast that can be bought in major supermarkets. Aldea makes 800-2,000 pieces of *ensaimada* a day in her bakeshop. Needless to say, it has been one of the bakeshop's bestsellers.

Aldea says the secret of a soft, fluffy and tasty *ensaimada* is in the dough. Spread or rub corn oil on the dough while kneading. You can also sprinkle grated cheese on it before rolling and coiling it.

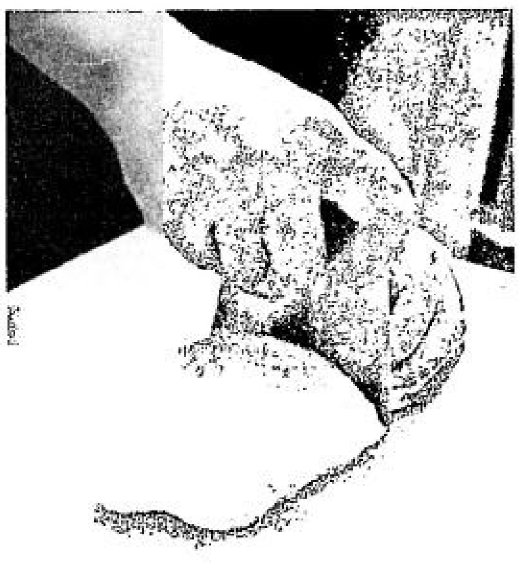
Ingredients:

First beating:
1 ½ tbsp instant yeast
1 ½ tsp sugar
¼ c milk
¾ c lukewarm water
½ c all-purpose flour
Second beating:
5 egg yolks
¼ c sugar
1 c all-purpose flour
Third beating:
5 egg yolks
½ c melted butter
1/3 c sugar
4 c all-purpose flour
½ c corn oil
grated cheese

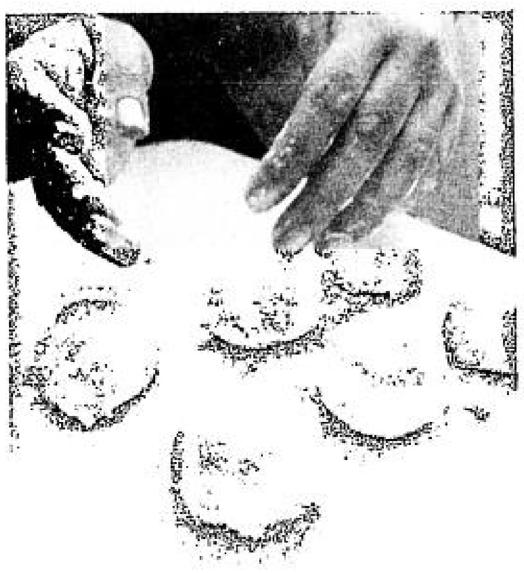
If you have suggestions for Step by Step, e-mail the author at vbaga@inquirer.com.ph



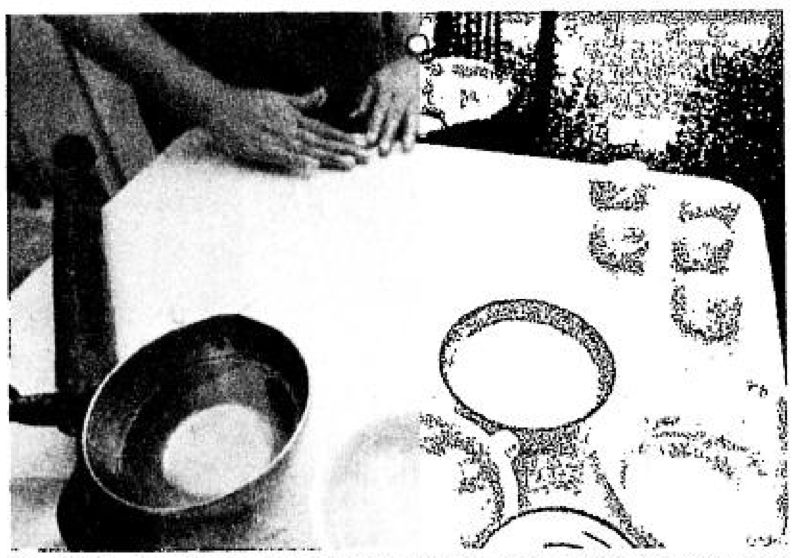
5 **KNEAD** dough with ½ c corn oil (to soften it) for 20 minutes till it shows some blisters. To knead properly, push and roll with the heel of your palm. Shape into a smooth ball. Cover and let rise for an hour. Punch down ball to remove air.



6 **USING** a rectangular cutter, cut dough into 24 pcs.

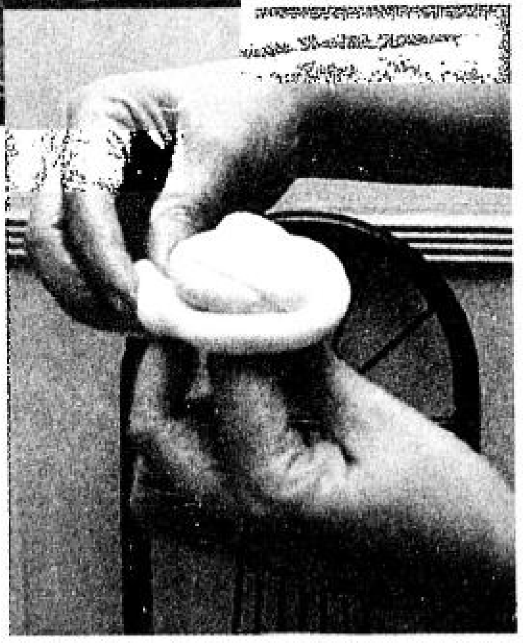


7 **ROLL** each piece like a bun. Set aside for 10-15 minutes.

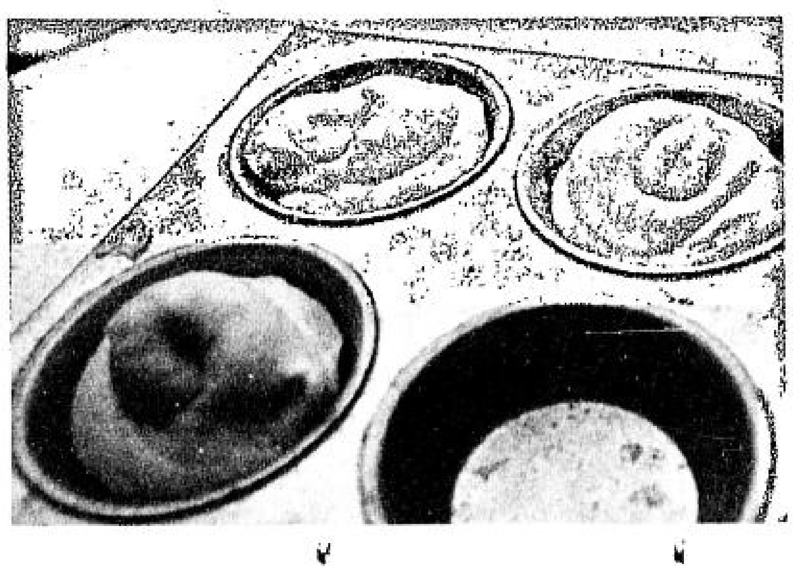


8 **WITH A LITTLE** flour on table, flatten each piece of dough with a rolling pin.

9 **BRUSH** with butter and sprinkle with grated cheese.



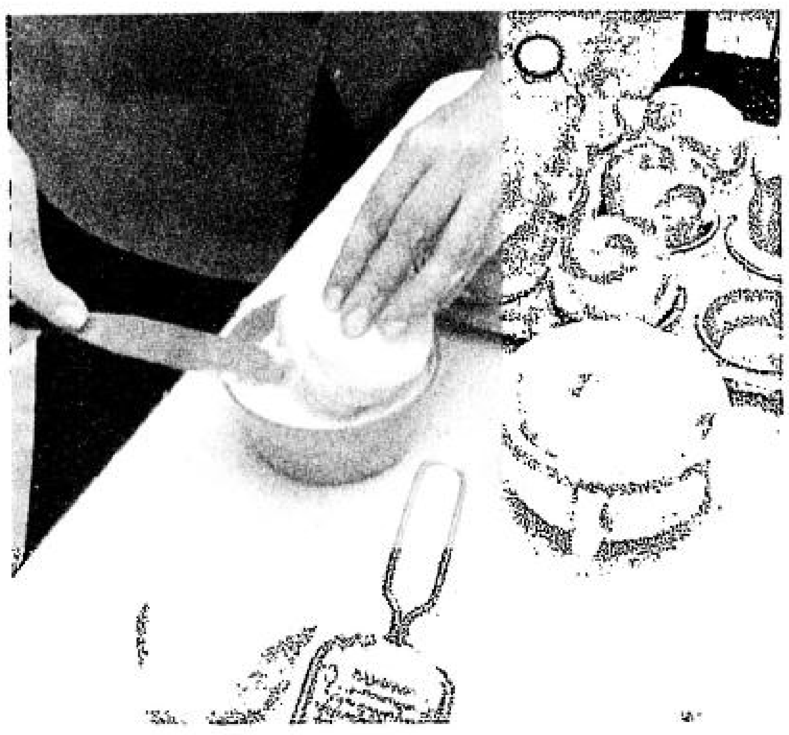
10 **ROLL** each piece thinly and coil by using your forefinger and thumb.



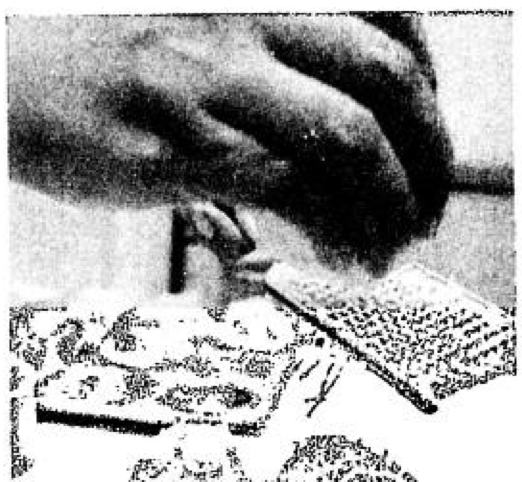
11 **PLACE** pieces of dough in greased muffin molds. Let rise for 1½ hours, or until they have doubled in size.

12 **BAKE** in a preheated oven 325ºF for 15-18 minutes. Cool slightly.

13 **BRUSH** with butter.



14 **SPRINKLE** *ensaimada* with sugar or dip in a cup of sugar.



15 **TOP** with grated cheese.

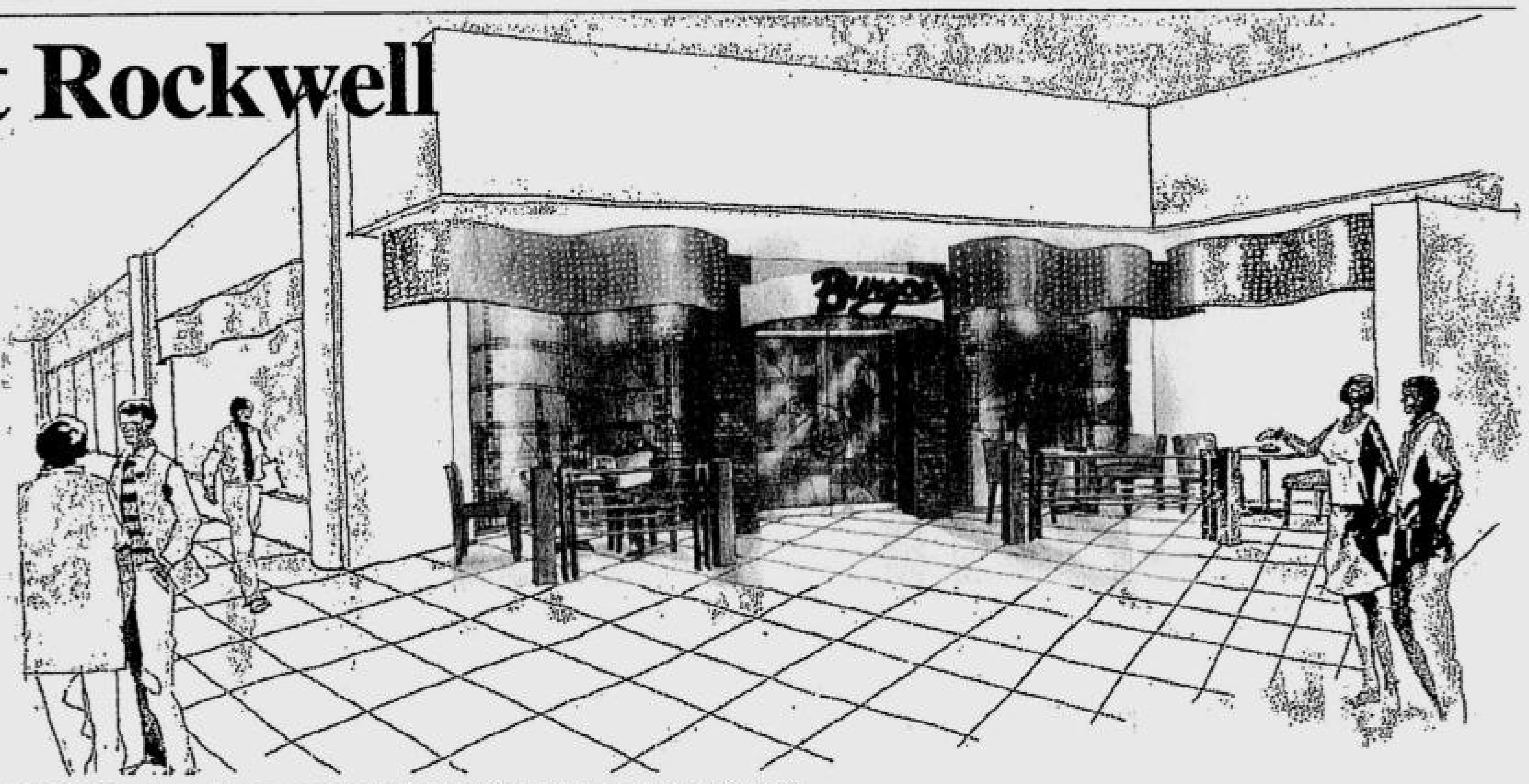
16 **IF** desired, wrap *ensaimada* individually.

Burgoo to open at Rockwell

BURGOO American Bar and Restaurant will open its second outlet in Makati at the 3/L Power Plant Mall, Rockwell Center. The place is in front of the mall's cinemas.

"Like its original branch on Tomas Morato Extension in Quezon City, expect a warm and cozy interior here at Rockwell," says Albert Alavera, Burgoo's general manager. "The restaurant, which seats 200 persons, also has a lovely aquarium to heighten the feeling of serenity which many of our patrons really appreciate." The brick-wall facade and tiled floorings add to a homey and contemporary atmosphere. A unique thing in the restaurant is the tabletop paper covering, which the guests can doodle and draw on with crayons while waiting for their orders to be served.

Burgoo boasts of its open kitchen that serves more than 85 sumptuous menu items, including 30 new dishes such as Santa Fe Spring Rolls, Quesadillas, Bread with Spinach-Mushroom Dip, Seafood de Napoli, Outro del Pesce, Lamb Chops, Pizza Margherita, Cheesy Beef Baked Macaroni, Tiramisu, etc. Also, don't forget to try Burgoo's all-time favorites such as Oklahoma-Style Grilled Baby Back Ribs, Buffalo Chicken Wings, Calamares, Chimichanga, Lemon Peppered Grilled Lapu-Lapu, Supreme Pizza, Seafood Pasta, Oreo Cheesecake and many more.



BURGOO restaurant's perspective in Rockwell Center to be opened this April.

Singapore foodfest set in April

SINGAPORE'S annual gastronomic extravaganza, the Singapore Food Festival (SFF), returns in April with the theme "Feast Your Senses."

The March 30 opening ceremony at the Suntec City Mall will feature new and exciting activities such as "wacky" food demonstrations, food challenges with guest celebrities, movie marathons and entertainment from live bands and musicians

The SFF 2001's theme sets the tone for a month of total dining experience and demonstrates how food is woven into the Singaporean lifestyle. From cooking to presentation, from aesthetics to appreciation, "Feast Your Senses" makes food the core focus of life's enjoyment.

"With 'Feast Your Senses,' we would like to show that there are many ways to enjoy food apart from just going to the restaurants. There will be more events that allow one to enjoy food as a form of lifestyle," said the director of events marketing of the Singapore Tourism Board, Kevin Leong.

For the first time, SFF activities will spread to suburban districts such as Pasir Ris and Hougang, with the newly renovated NTUC Lifestyle World Downtown East hosting "Fun with Food—BBQ, Grills, Thrills and More," one of the event's highlights.

The new events to look out for include "MakanDrama by the Park" by Action Theater, "The Great Wedding Feast" by the Far East Square, "Gourmet Express Safari and the Potjie Safari" by Night Safari, "A Black and White Affair—Dinner with Penguins" by Jurong Birdpark.

Besides new events, new partners have been roped in for next year's festival. For the first time, Citibank N.A will be the presenter for the event. Other new event partners include Wong San's Pte Ltd. Hotel New Otani, The Blue Lobster Seafood Restaurant and Internet-based TalentX, which will illustrate photography and food styling techniques used by industry professionals to capture mouthwatering pictures and moments. It will also run a photo competition, "I Love Singapore Food," where photographers are invited to take pictures that depict people enjoying food in Singapore. All works will be displayed at an online exhibition at www.talentx.com and the winning entries will be exhibited during the SFF at Far East Square.

"We have said before that Singapore is the place where good food is certainly a great way to live it up. For those who want to indulge and eat to their heart's content, there is no better place to do so than in Singapore and no better time than during the Singapore Food Festival in April 2001," Leong said.

SFF 2001 is an industry-wide effort, supported by hotels, restaurants, F&B outlets, shopping malls, attractions and many other partners.

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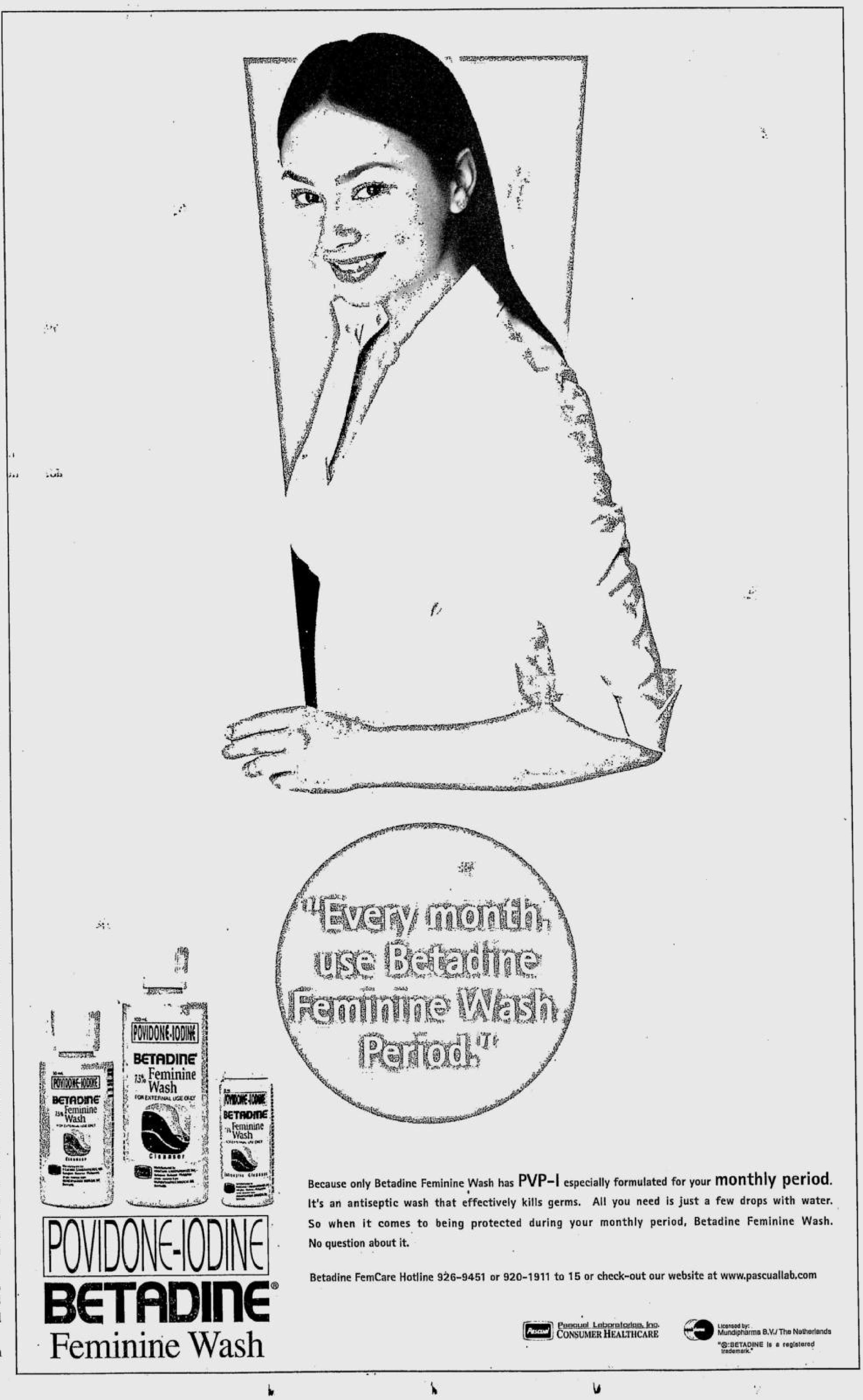

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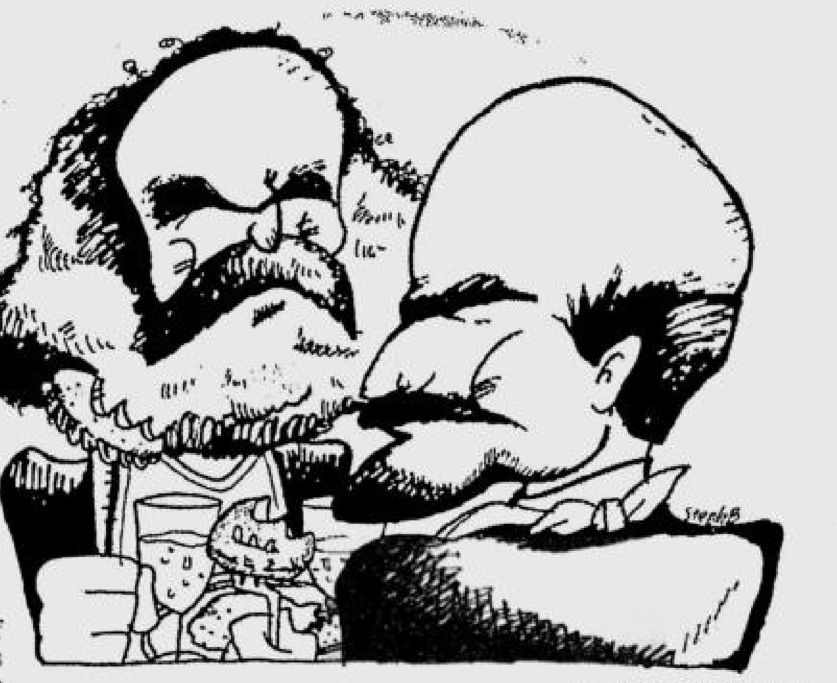

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THE MAD TEA PARTY

Clinton Palanca

ON SOME weekends, I like to go to Alabang to drop in on a friend in the village for what she and I call "right-wing Sundays": we walk our dogs in the park, attend bazaars, go to Mass and then have dinner at the mall amidst large families with yelling children, young couples with babies and other people with dogs.

In the future, we plan to further add right-wing activities to our list, e.g., flying kites, going fishing and complaining about squatters and how the unmotivated attitudes of the poor people in this country, not that we have anything against them, mind you, are what stand in the way of national development, etc.

I guess I go to these things as a sort of private in-joke, so private that the only person laughing is myself. I feel like an impostor there in linen trousers and a Jack Russell on the leash, in the same way that I feel an impostor when I go to techno-music raves and (just once, for fun) wear oval colored glasses.

But standing in the nave of St. James Church uncannily reminded me of the church scenes in Lasse Hallstrom's "Chocolat" (due to open in theaters here soon).

In the film, Juliette Binoche plays a woman who opens a chocolate shop in a village ruled by *tranquilité*, where everything is ruled by order and puritanism; a very cold, drab right-wing village which assembles every Sunday for Mass. She and a daughter appear out of the cold, set up shop and slowly seduce the village with chocolate confections, chocolate cake, hot chocolate in mugs with a hint of chili dust.

The premise of the film sounded corny—oh God, yet another take on the food-equals-sensuality thing that has the East Coast intellectual magazines writing endless articles about how food is the new sex and how Saveur is actually a pornographic magazine.

Probably the worst example of this genre was the recent vehicle for Penelope Cruz's breasts, titled "Woman on Top." And I already thought "Like Water for Chocolate" was pretty awful. Besides, every food movie has to be measured against the standard of "Babette's Feast," whose initial premise "Chocolat's" closely resembles.

Critics have dismissed "Chocolat" as insignificant and simplistic. My own view is that it isn't a major film, nothing to be mentioned in the same breath as Kielowski, but it is intelligent and well made, and at least far more sophisticated than its initial premise might indicate. Binoche's chocolate creations (a rather too obvious metaphor for all that is sinful, sensual, sexual and hedonistic) are pitted against the puritanical self-deprivation of the mayor (who embodies all that is straight, drab, unfeeling and repressive).

I was well prepared: I had bought myself a box of Godiva chocolates before the movie began, and as the characters in the movie were one by one awakened by pralines and truffles, I allowed a *palet d'or* to melt in my mouth as I tried to work out the film in political terms.

Les Mandarins

Two days ago, I attended the press dinner for the upcoming Seafood Festival at the Mandarin Oriental's Tivoli Grill. I must admit I hadn't been quite as well fed in some time.

There was nothing outrageous or even particularly inventive about the chef's renditions: They were either plainly but perfectly cooked, or they were classic combinations (such as the saffron with the sea bass; its affinity with fish goes back to antiquity).

Almost all the raw materials were imported, most of them flown in, I have no problems with that; much as I admire Alice Waters and believe in the concept of *terroir*— being able to eat oysters still alive and probably suffering from jetlag, and asparagus out of season—is one of the great food evolutions of the modern age, and let us be thankful for it.

It was classical. It was correct. It was executed with not a note out of place. (The only problem, though, is the décor of the Tivoli Grill, which is one of the main reasons I don't go as often as I should to this restaurant, and the annoying snatches of the lounge singer which waft in when the main door is opened.) It's worth checking out: the festival runs until the end of the month.

The next night, I was having a culinary experience that was at the other end of the spectrum. It was like going from the Louvre straight to the Tate Modern.

No other restaurateur has so actively promoted the idea of "fusion" cuisine as Jean-Georges Vongerichten. His Jean-Georges restaurant in New York's Trump Tower is mediocre and overpriced. It's just another modern French restaurant with a few surprising things on the menu; and in New York, surprising things on the menu is not surprising at all. But it's with Vong and Jojo that he, er, made his name, combining Thai flavors with French techniques and ingredients.

Vong has an Asian branch on the 25th floor of the Mandarin Oriental, this time in Hong Kong. From the Peninsula, I took the ferry to the island, and was, once more, literally dazzled by the lights: the glowing, glittering jewel-box of skyscrapers and neon.

Vong is walled with huge plate-glass picture windows that make you feel you are floating in that urban landscape. I took my seat wondering if, despite all my constant chatter about leading a bucolic life in the countryside (mental scenario: the wind whistling in the eaves, a pastoral meal of boiled chicken, reading Proust to the light of a guttering candle, etc.), I would ever get over my awe at and love for cities.

The food was not unpleasant. It was weird; it was unexpected. For the most part, the flavor combinations worked on the palate. But what Mr. Vongerichten was trying to do seemed to be an attempt to reinvent the wheel, to deconstruct the "meal" as contemporarily understood, rather than to build upon it and cause it to evolve.

I had fried spring rolls with crab stuffing and tamarind dip, chicken soup with coconut cream, lobster claws with Thai herbs, duck breast with sesame, and a banana-chocolate cake molten in the center (yes, that damned thing again, except that Jean-Georges was the original innovator of this widely imitated dessert) served with a nice Banyuls.

But like modern art, its distortions seemed intended to disturb rather than please, and there is a doggedness to the experimentation that is miles away from the explosive, unexpected genius of, say, Gagnaire.

Left, right, or skyward?

Silhouetted against the skyline were the profiles of what I supposed was Hong Kong's beau monde: the well-dressed Cantonese women speaking with British accents, the gentlemen in perfectly tailored suits, and expatriates speaking in tongues.

I thought of "Chocolat" and wondered: Why does it seem that those who enjoy food come more from the right-wing, capitalist-pig, suits-and-pashmina side of town? Is it merely a question of wealth, of having the money to eat out at "creative" restaurants? It's a scenario strangely at odds with the vectors in "Chocolat," where transgression (by its nature and definition, a left-wing act) was about sensuality and physical pleasure, about food and sex.

In our country, sometimes the very idea of taking an interest in food is elitist. How can you worry about the nature of cream-sauce reductions with the number of starving poor in the countryside? How can you be a Francophile and subscribe to the Plaridel mailing list?

I thought about all my foodie friends and realized they were almost all right-wing conservatives. Oh, God! Had I become one of those Marxist entrepreneurs, a Limousine Liberal, an Upper West Sider? Were my forays into the Alabang lifestyle sneaky spy reconnaissance missions, or veiled attempts to defect to the enemy camp? And why have I adopted Carrie's (of "Sex and the City") style of writing columns entirely in interrogative sentences?

One reader wrote to me the other day, telling me how, for her, food could be so good that they were "glimpses of heaven." The irony of the ecclesiastical terminology is disturbing.

But you and I know what she means; we all have had those mouthfuls that are transcendent (not merely transcendental); they are (here's another ironical phrase) tastes of the divine. And yet what could be more earth-bound than taste and texture and smell?

I remember a passage from Paul Theroux, writing about moments of passion: "[They imply] escape… embodying secrecy, fantasy, intense emotion, a flight from the ordinary…"

These are moments of transgression, not of politics but of the quotidian. Pity those who have not left the earth for a brief moment inspired by food, or sex, or even the smell of a woman's skin; those moments that (as Alain Barrouze puts it) appear cut across one's mind like a gash that opens so cleanly one feels neither the stroke nor the slice, but the tenderness of a moment of devotion.

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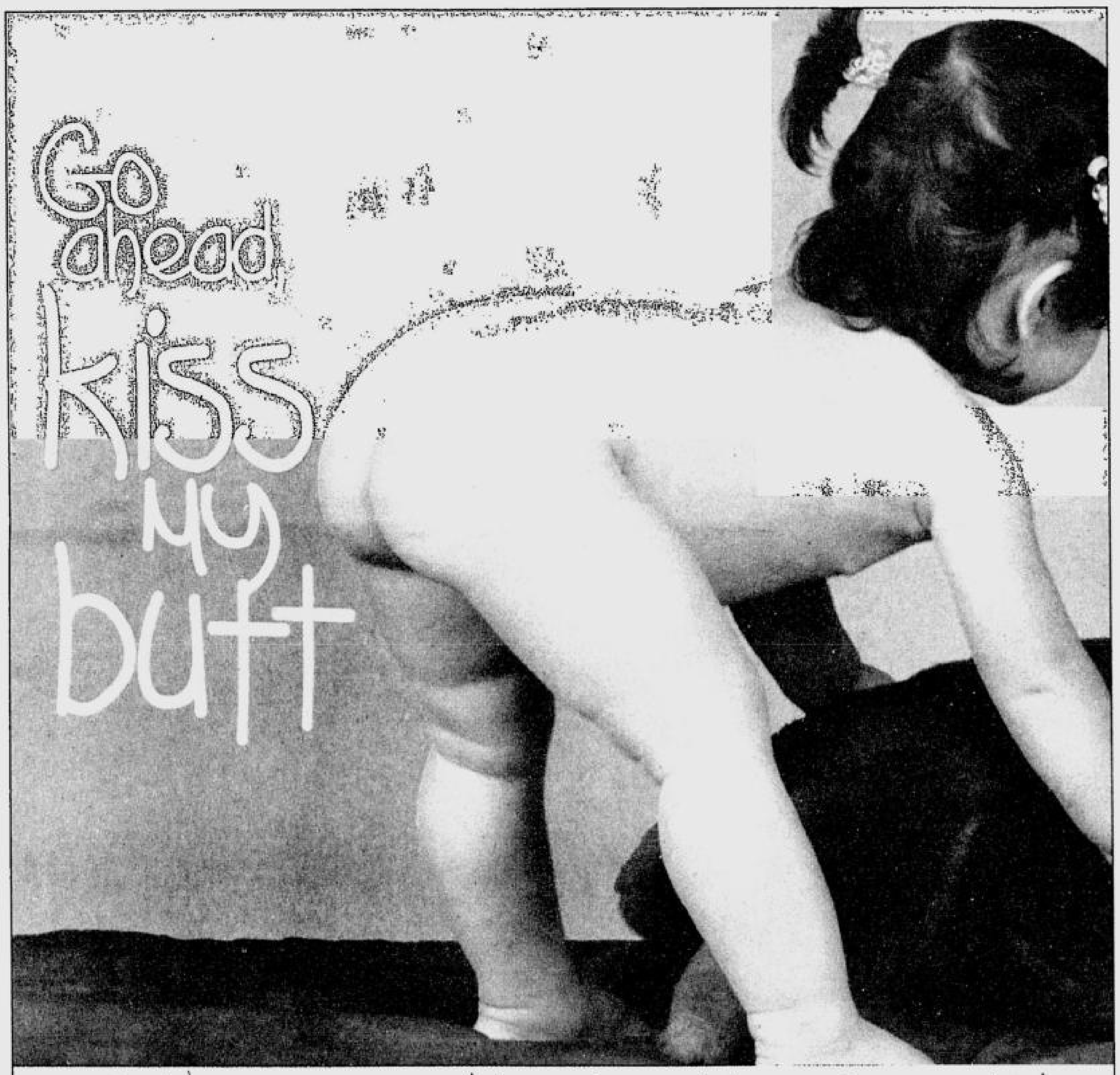
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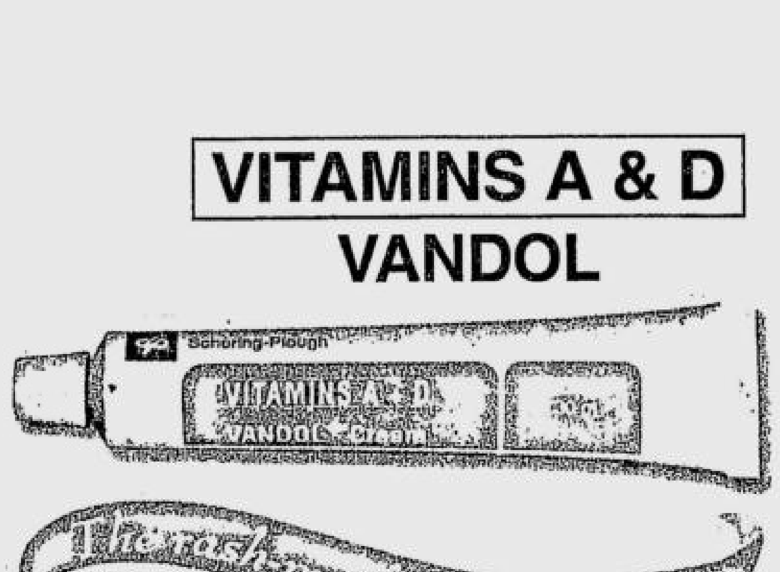

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From coffee to Tazo tea

WHILE coffee remains the drink-of-choice at Starbucks, the company hasn't turned its back on the tea-drinking community. Just recently, the coffee company, through its local licensee Rustan Coffee Corp., announced that it is shifting its tea preference from the brand Infusia to a stronger, bolder-flavored label called Tazo Tea.

The Tazo brand, founded in 1994 by tea specialist Steven Smith, is inspired by the rich ancient history associated with tea itself, and also by contemporary desires for innovative new tea beverages. For the Manila market, Starbucks will be carrying eight different tea flavors divided into three categories: the Black Teas, the Green Tea and Herbal Infusions.

The Black Teas—grown at high elevations and then plucked by hand—are Awake, a breakfast tea of character and depth, invigorating any time of the day; Tazo Chai, a spicy black tea from India and Sri Lanka blended with ginger, cinnamon, black pepper, cardamon, cloves and star anise; and Earl Grey, a fragrant blend of black teas from Sri Lanka scented with the essence of bergamot.

While the Green Tea category only carries Zen, an enlightening blend of select green teas, mint and a hint of lemon, the Herbal Infusions have four varieties under it: Calm, a soothing herbal blend of chamomile blossoms, rose petals and other relaxing blends; Passion, a tantalizing herbal tea made from hibiscus flowers, exotic herbs and natural tropical flavors; Refresh, an invigorating blend of Northwest grown mint leaves, peppermint and spearmint with a hint of tarragon; and Wild Sweet Orange, an herbal infusion of lemongrass, blackberry leaves, citric acid, rosehips, spearmint, orange essence and other herbs, spices and natural flavors.

From Infusia, the Tazo brand is now the tea of choice at Starbucks after the company acquired it in January of 1999. The reason for the shift is the fact that Starbucks believes Tazo maintains the same commitment to high quality and innovative thinking that the company has held for coffee. Tazo uses only the finest and freshest ingredients to deliver a flavor experience to the customer like any other.

Tazo Tea is a great complement to meals. Awake should jive well with heavier fare like any main meal cuisine. Earl Grey is also a good option for main meal fares but really does well paired with desserts. The Tazo Chai, with its spicy, sweet, full flavor can actually play the part of dessert.

Tazo Tea is now available in all 33 Starbucks outlets in the country.

LIFESTYLE

Tastes

CUCINA Victoria at Rockwell

An empowered Cucina

IN GOOD TASTE

Doreen G. Fernandez

THE NEW Cucina Victoria at the Rockwell Power Plant has a genesis, an ancestry. First, Vicky Pimentel and Manolet Lagdameo opened the Cucina Victoria in Alabang, she as chef and creative chief, he as operations manager. That was a resounding success. Next, they were offered a space at the Makati Cinema Square, and that became Café Mista, again a success. When they were invited to open at Rockwell right beside the main entrance, they reverted to the old name, and so this is Cucina Victoria, with twice as much space as its siblings.

The cooking started in Vicky's kitchen, and continues there. As a home cook, Vicky had learned from her mother, and from her own love for cooking and experimentation. She accepted orders for her spaghetti sauces, and soon the restaurant concept was born, refined and implemented.

Between Alabang and the Cinema Square, they found a difference in market—at the latter, office people from nearby buildings, with a budget, wanting rice. So Vicky designed dishes like Arroz à la Cubana with steamed rice, "Herby" fish fillet in lemon butter with herb rice, and chicken *salpicao* in garlic and extra virgin olive oil served with garlic rice—an instant hit.

Leisurely

Now at Rockwell, the crowd is more leisurely, and so the menu reflects this. Appetizers include Oriental Pops, chicken lollipops with a cider sauce, and a crisp bruschetta with tomatoes, mushrooms and herbs, topped with mozzarella.

My absolute favorite is the Clam Chowder (clams, potatoes, bacon bits) served in a sourdough bread bowl—the only one of its kind in Manila, the bowl bestowing flavor, and good enough to eat by itself. Also in sourdough bowls are Lentejas con Chorizo and Frenchie's Onion Soup. But it is the clam chowder I dream of.

There is a good Caesar Salad, but the Vicky-designed Oriental salad is a special success, enough for two or a full meal for one: fresh greens and vegetables blanketed by a nest of fried vermicelli, chicken fillets, *wanton*, *siomai* and sesame oil dressing.

Sandwiches include a classic open-face Tuna Melt, a smoked salmon medley and a fish fillet duo.

Entrées are a cavalcade of pastas, fish and meat dishes. Spaghetti Bolognese, Pomodoro con Acciughe with fusilli, Penne al Formo, Spaghetti alla Carbonara, Asparagi on Funghi with capellini. Beef with Mushroom Stroganoff, smoked salmon with asparagus, pork medallions with tomatoes and herbs.

Asked what the "box-office hits" are, the diners' favorites, Vicky answers without hesitation: first, the soups in sourdough bowls; second, the *gambas* with garlic rice and lemon on the side and, finally and resoundingly, the Capellini Japonese, a dish she and Manolet designed together. It is a fusion: Italian pasta with a Japanese sauce of *unagi* (eel) and *furitake*, and it is excellent; I've had it time and again.

The yellow-orange restaurant with blue tables is inviting, warm and zesty. On the wall shelves are copper kettles and accessories, baskets, decorative plates and a glass jar of Vicky's sun-dried tomatoes.

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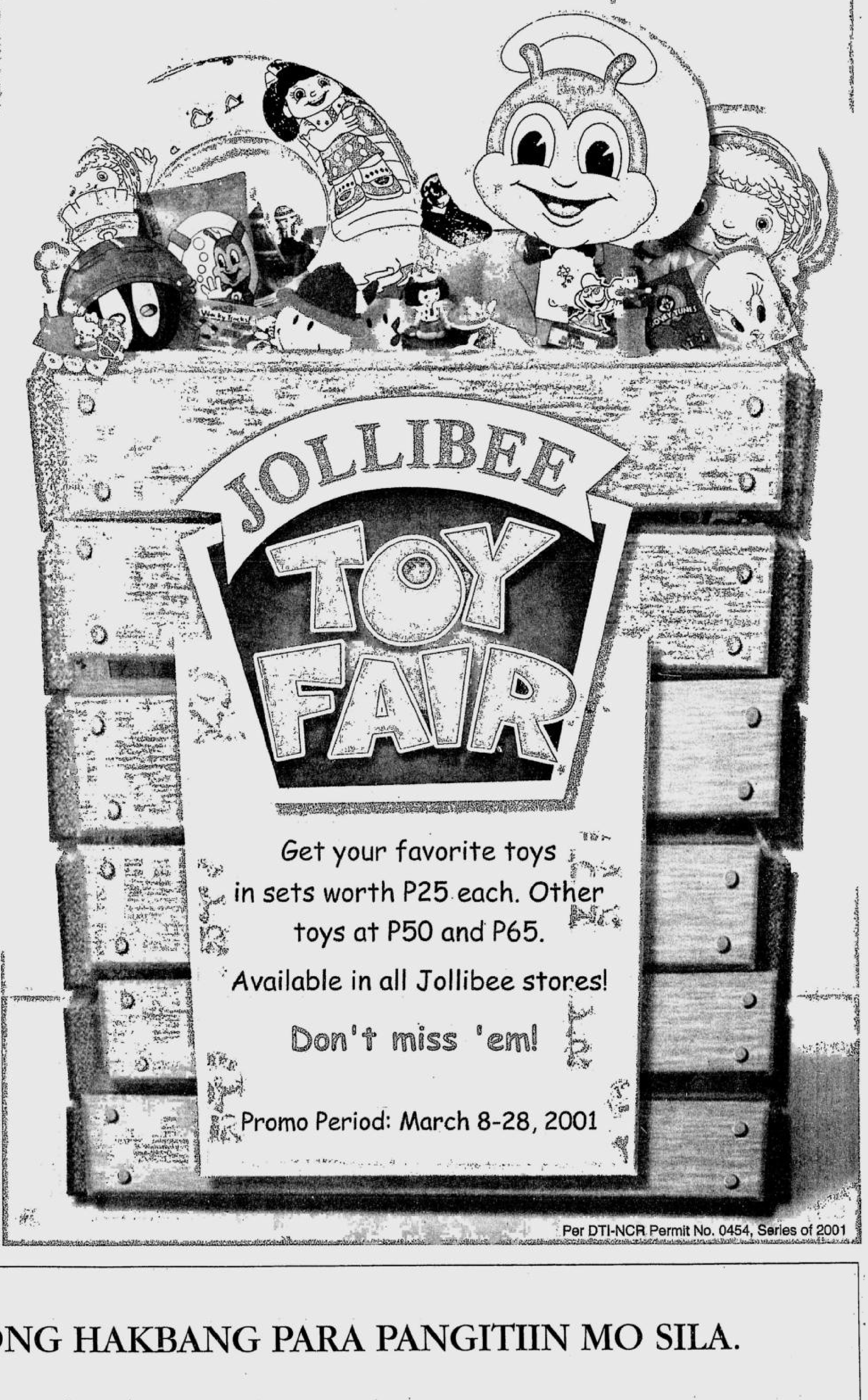

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Fresh takes on classic Pinoy cuisine

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Managed by Tiks and her daughter Golda, the restaurant's dishes were the same remarkable fare that came out of the kitchen of Rosa Eco Dula, mother of Tiks, Gok and Rod. To her, cooking was a labor of love. Only the choicest ingredients went into meals, which she prepared with care and served generously.

The memory of her cookery, a long-distance event designed to extract the maximum of flavor, lives on in the bottled homemade products offered at Mama Rosa and Goto King, which is also owned by the Dulas. Some of these 37 treats are Anchovy Essence, Pickled Bittermelon, Spicy Tuyo, Taba ng Talangka, Spicy Milkfish, Passion Fruit-Pineapple Marmalade, Tableya Roll, Salad Dressing with soy sauce and wasabi or with honey and fish sauce, Kalabasa Sauce and Liver Sauce.

Mama Rosa's menu is designed by Tiks, who initially handled a canteen of Meralco in the 1980s. Her chief cook then, who specializes in Chinese food, is her chef at Mama Rosa. Their tandem has taken culinary fundamentals to a new level of inventiveness by adding surprising flavors and textures to conventional Pinoy dishes.

Glorious surprises

It's a comfort to discover tradition successfully reinvented, modest prices and pleasing service at Mama Rosa. It has modern and colorful interiors with a menu of creative Filipino fare as finely tuned as its surroundings. Such surprises impress even the area's upper-crust crowd.

Of late, the restaurant launched its Lenten Specials and New From The Kitchen that are now part of the regular menu. Such new meals are introduced every quarter.

Lenten Specials include Mongo Soup, sauteed mongo beans with flaked *tinapa* and shrimps simmered with eggplant, *gabi* and *ampalaya* (a meal in itself which is too good to share even a spoonful); Labahita à la Vizcaina, dried and salted sturgeon fish flakes sautéed in olive oil, garlic, tomatoes and onions and simmered in tomato sauce with *garbanzos*, potatoes, olives and pimiento strips and served with fried eggplant; Pritong Bangus Lumpia, fried spring rolls with flaked milkfish, potato and raisin stuffing and served with sweet-and-sour dip; and Sinaing na Tulingan, big-eyed tuna steamed in lots of salt and pork fat and served with kamias cooked in coconut milk.

On the other hand, New From The Kitchen proffers Beef with Sanke, braised flank cubes and radish in a sauce with a hint of five-star anise; Chicken Binakol, chicken with shredded young coconut and potatoes in coconut water soup flavored with lemon grass; Sinanglay na Tilapia, *tilapia* wrapped in lettuce leaves simmered in coconut milk with garlic, ginger and green cooking peppers; and Adobong Kangkong, braised swamp cabbage in vinegar and soy sauce topped with *lechon kawali*.

Aside from these latest offerings, diners can also enjoy its Salads and Appetizers, specifically Tapang Usa, which tastes wild but is meltingly tender; Soups of Halaan, Three Mushroom and Mais at Hipon; Vegetables like Kinchay Tokwa at Hipon, Pinangat na Gabi and Crispy Seafood Hab-hab; Grilled Specials of Tuna Belly, Apahap, Dalag and Chicken Inasal; and Meats such as Kari-Kari, Ginataang Manok and Paksiw na Lechon Cebu.

The restaurant pays paean to fresh seafoods through Pan Fried Flounder with Ginger Sauce, Suaje Kebab, Cocidong Isda, Sinabawang Laman Dagat, Sinigang na Ulang and Garlic Crabs. Such dishes are best paired with Steamed Milagrosa Rice, Garlic Fried Rice, Bagoong Rice, Pistahan Rice and Salted Fish Rice.

Or, if you have a fancy for pasta, there's Pasta Rosa, a Pinoy version of the classic puttanesca; Penne Pahiyas with crumbled *longanisang* Lukban in rich tomato herb sauce; and Pasta Neptuna, fish roe and *taba ng talangka* sautéed in garlic and cilantro and seasoned with lemon juice. Try also the diner's sandwiches of Spicy Tuyo, Longanisang Lukban, Carne Norte, Chicken Pork Adobo, Beef Tapa and Hot Crab. And relish its desserts of White Salad, Saba't Camote, Maja Blanca, Saba à la Mode, Leche Flan and Halo-Halo Supreme.

Indeed, Mama Rosa's menu is far from stuffy, thanks to Tiks' fresh takes on Pinoy classicism.

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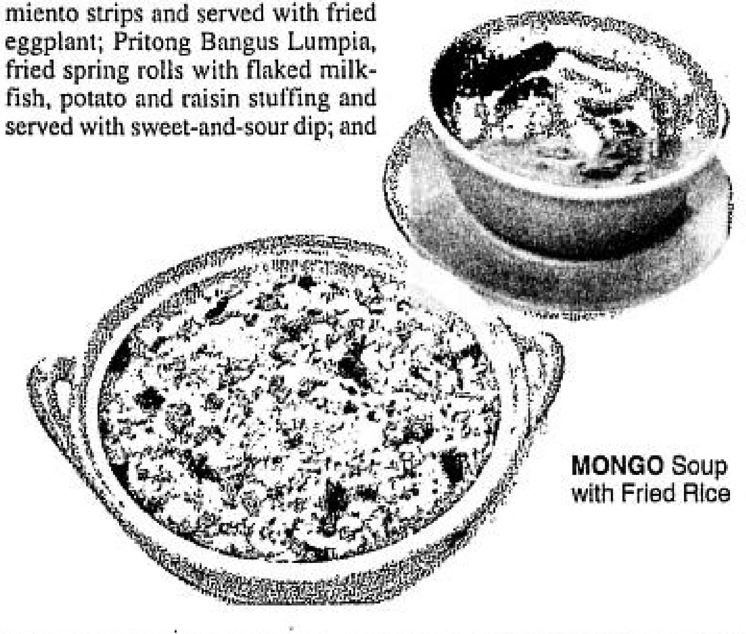

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Seafood extravaganza

DON Henrico's, one of the country's most popular pizza and pasta restaurants, presents a sumptuous array of seafood dishes that would be best for the meatless days of Lent.

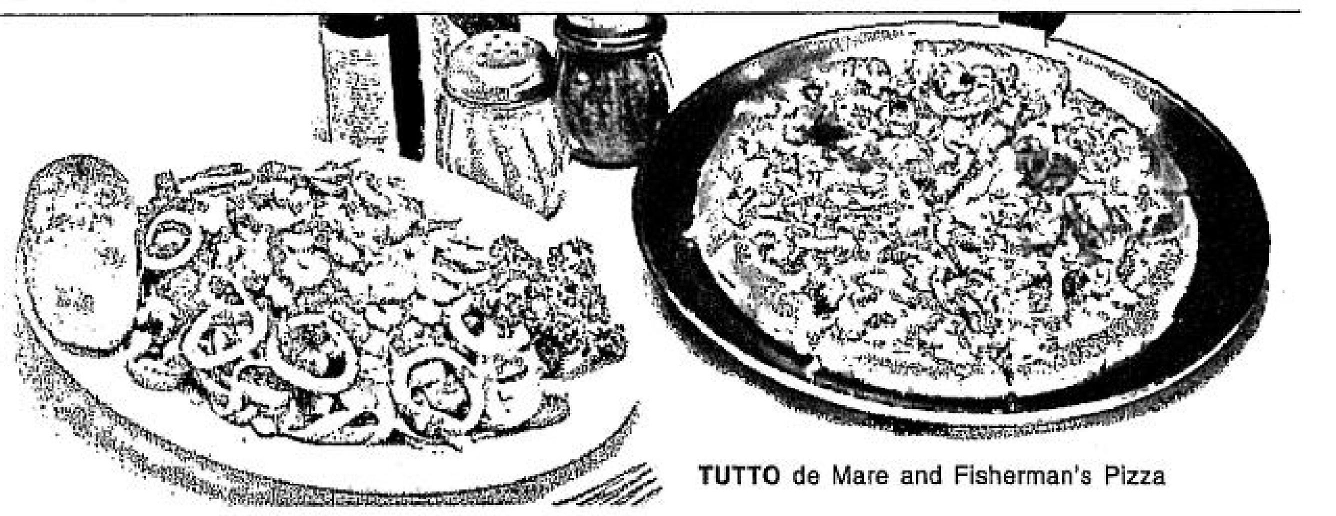
Have you ever tried pizza with crabfat sauce? This is what makes Fisherman's Pizza extra unique. It has shrimp, squid and tuna with a generous spread of spring onions, bell peppers, mushrooms, plus 100 percent mozzarella cheese. This is a truly appetizing seafood pizza that will surely captivate your palate. This pizza combines Spanish sardines, anchovies, red and green bell peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes along with onions and parsley for added spice.

Don Henrico's also offers its pasta recipes like Crab Fettuccini, which features flaked crabmeat in crabfat sauce poured over fettuccini noodles. As garnishing, it has basil leaves and crabsticks. The more adventurous palate can also try Black Sea Pasta. This is an exotic dish tossed with squid rings in garlicky squid ink sauce. Tutto de Mare, on the other hand, is voted as one of the best-loved dishes on Don Henrico's seafood pasta selection. It blends shrimps, squid rings, tomatoes and mushrooms, cooked in flavorful Marinara sauce. A dash of chili and selected herbs, smothered over fettuccini noodles, lends it a very pleasing zest.

These mouth-watering fare are just among the numerous meatless options you can try at Don Henrico's. They also have a broad selection of vegetable dishes like the newly launched California Veggie Pie, Pizza Margherita and the all-time favorites Tomato-basil Pasta, Spaghetti Al Pesto and Fettuccini Alfredo. Don Henrico's likewise serves Vegetable Calzone, Primavera Pizza Wraps, Eggplant Parmigiana, Mexican Quesadillas and more.

With all these sumptuous Don Henrico's offerings, dining can be just as fun and pleasurable even during this Lenten season.

Don Henrico's stores are in Session Road in Baguio, Acropolis Libis, Sunshine Square in Shaw Boulevard, Pedro Gil corner A. Mabini in Malate, Festival Super Mall Alabang, Tomas Morato, Jupiter Place, Glorietta 4, Banawe, West Avenue, Sta. Lucia East Grand Mall and Davao City.



TUTTO de Mare and Fisherman's Pizza

A toast to friendship

SIDEBARKADA Chow, Sidebar Café's special treat and tribute to friendship and companionship, was recently relaunched in Sidebar Malate and El Pueblo Ortigas this month.

The promo, which was Sidebar habitués loved when it was first offered in 1999, makes nightouts real big deals, with food and drinks meant to be enjoyed by groups or big eaters. This time around, "SideBarkada Chow 2001" has outdone its previous generosity. Beer prices have been reduced up to 60 percent.

Barkadas can choose from any of three packages: small, medium and large.

"Kada Chow for 5" consists of five bottles of local beer of choice, Sweet and Spicy Dilis and Potato Chips as *pulutan*, plus a choice of Inihaw na BBQ Spareribs, Chicken Wings or the traditional Sizzling Sisig. All for P400.

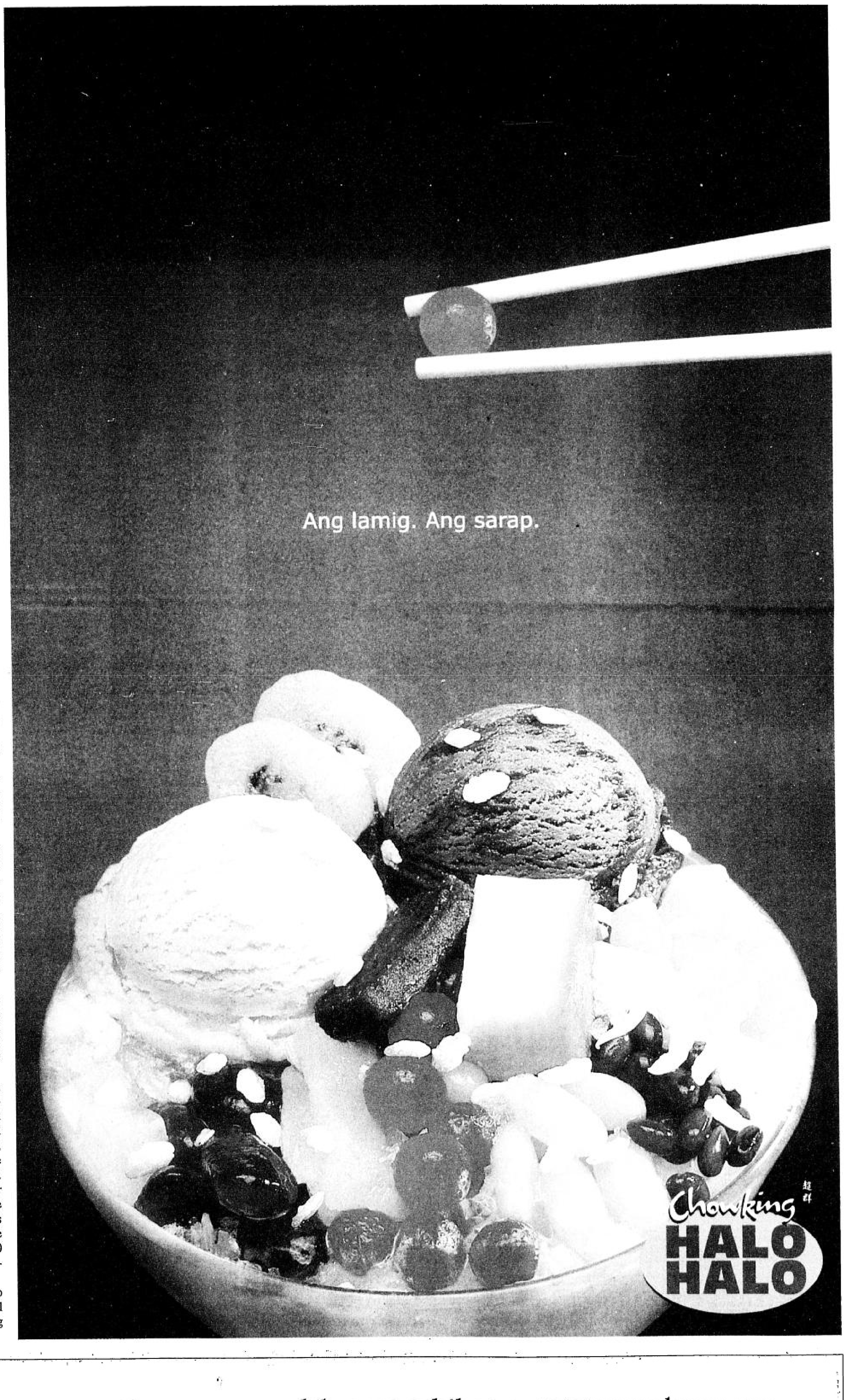
"Kada Chow for 8" offers eight bottles of local beer of choice, Sweet and Spicy Dilis and Potato Chips, plus a choice of one pizza (16 slices) and one meat dish. Sidebar pizzas to choose from are Bacon and Cheese Pizza, Salami and Cheese Pizza, and Ham and Cheese Pizza. The *barkada* can also select from Inihaw na BBQ Spareribs, Chicken Wings and Sizzling Sisig as their meat dish. The *barkada* price: P600.

The biggest *barkada* chow is "Kada Chow for 12." Here, groups are entitled to 12 bottles of choice local beer, Sweet and Spicy Dilis and Potato Chips, an additional bonus of one appetizer, one pizza (16 slices) and one meat dish.

For appetizers, guests can choose from Iced Vegetable Garden, Stilettos (cheese sticks) and Potato Skins. Pizza choices are Bacon and Cheese, Salami and Cheese, and Ham and Cheese Pizza. Inihaw na BBQ Spareribs, Chicken Wings and Sizzling Sisig are the choices for the meat dish. Package price: P895.

Barkada Chow is available at both Sidebar outlets from 7 p.m. till the wee hours of the morning. Outlet discount card, gift certificates and other discount tie-ups are not applicable to this promo. All prices are subject to 10 percent service charge but are VAT-inclusive.

Sidebar Café is located at 1771 M. Adriatico St., Malate, tel. 525-5337; and El Pueblo Real de Manila, ADB Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, tel. 631-7339.



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Paean to sea's bounty

DINING-OUT

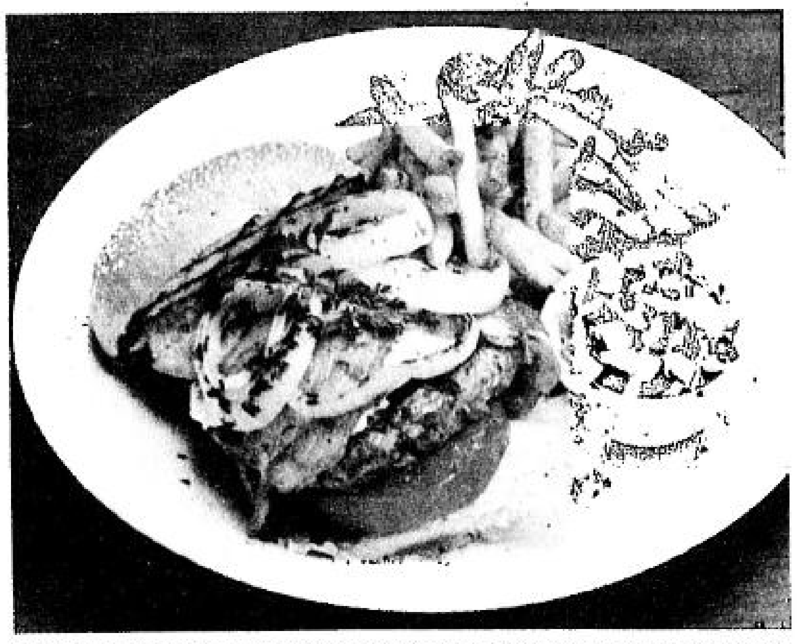
DELIGHT your palate with the freshest catch from the sea as chef Norbert Gandler and his team prepares courses until April 1 at Mandarin's The Tivoli. Dubbed "Seafood Seductions," the gastronomic festival, which is available for lunch, features an à la carte menu of lobsters, prawns, fish, squid, mussels, oysters, clams and other bounties of the sea.

Among the culinary dishes to be featured are a seafood appetizer sampler consisting of Fresh Oysters, Poached Tiger Prawns, Lemongrass Marinated Mussels, Ahi tuna sushimi, Smoked Marinated Salmon Lumpia with Vegetables, Norwegian Salmon Carpaccio and Salmon Tartar with Olive Tapenade Petite Salad with Pomelo, Pouched Tiger Prawns and Baked Chilean Seabass Cutlet on Sweet Pea Froth Saffron Angel Hair Pasta and Bonito Breaded Steak Tomato with Basil Aioli. Call 750-8888 local 2431/2432.

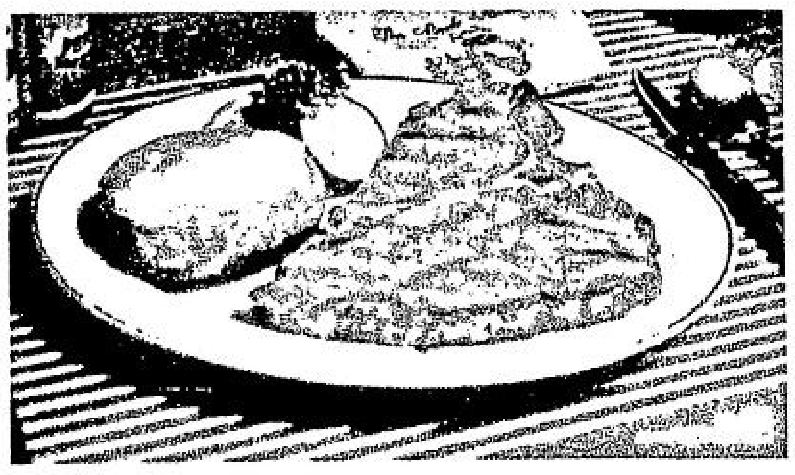
TEQUILA JOE'S. In this season of togas and diplomas, Tequila Joe's is offering a 10-percent discount to all graduates. This special salute can be availed in all three Tequila Joe's outlets until April 15. Call 850-4798/9513 (Alabang), 636-3599 or 836-3572 (El Pueblo), 873-3777 or 812-0444 (Glorietta).

GOLD RANCH. Treat your new graduate to a dinner at Gold Ranch. Try Gold Ranch's signature dishes and entrees from six different countries. Start off with any of the four appetizers and soups, the Viking-style crepes—twin pancakes filled with creamed shrimps in dill sauce covered with a hollandaise glaze or corn soup garnished with luscious crab meat. Head on to any of seafood and steaks straight from the grill, served with your choice of vegetables, baked potatoes or garlic fried rice.

You can also avail of the special set meal for graduates. Graduates who dine in Gold Ranch receive a free Gold Ranch gift certificate worth P300. Gold Ranch is on Arnaiz Avenue (formerly Pasay Road), Makati City.



BURGER Joe's fire-grilled 10-oz beef with a kick of dijonaise smothered with grilled sweet onions



JUICY T-bone steak with delightful twiced-baked potato

HOLIDAY INN. Graduates can avail of the splendid set menu packages at the Pavilion Court. Dine in groups of eight persons and celebrate with dishes such as Barbecued Combination, Corn Soup with Minced Chicken, Sautéed Sliced Beef with Seasonal Vegetables, Roasted Fried Chicken, Deep-fried Lapu-Lapu Fillet Szechuan Style, Fried Rice Yang Chow Style, Braised Noodle with Barbecued Pork, and Waterchestnut Cream with Tapioca. For groups of 12, have a fill of Suckling Pig Combination, Braised Spareribs, Braised Straw Mushroom with Oyster Sauce, Fish Lips with Shredded Duck Soup, Beef Tenderloin with Black Pepper Sauce, Fried Chicken with Red Bean Sauce, Fried Rice Yang Chow Style, Deep Fried Lapu-Lapu Fillet with Sweet and Sour Sauce, Eve Noodle with Mixed Meat, and Fruit Cocktail with Lychees. Call 528-1212 local 2503.

SAISAKI'S Sukiyaki Teishoku with mixed sashimi, *chawan mushi*, *tofu tereni*, *gyoza*, plain rice, miso soup, *otoshi* and dessert

SIETE PECADOS. Join the one-night bash at Siete Pecados to toast the graduates. There's more reason to celebrate because it's open bar on Bloody Ceasars—a concoction made of vodka, Tabasco, salt, pepper, clamato juice and a dash of Worcestershire sauce. Entrance is P300 per person, with one free drink. Guests who come in costume get a chance to be awarded the night's Best Dressed. Call 551-5555 local 5000.

WESTIN. Celebrate your graduation at China Sea and get a free Minolta camera when you dine in a group of eight persons. Give the graduates more reasons to say "cheese" and commemorate their moments in Italian style at Alfiere. Avail of the pre-fixed menu good for eight persons and the graduate gets a free Polaroid Joycam camera. Treat the graduate to a sumptuous brunch, lunch or dinner buffet at Café Plaza. For a minimum of eight persons partaking of the buffet, the graduate gets a gift certificate for an overnight stay for two in a Superior Room. Avail of these promos until March 31. Experience the flavors of all imported Italian treasures, partake of Tuscan set menus this March at the Alfiere Italian Bistro. The Tuscan menu starts with the Antipasto Buffet, followed by entree for the day, and ends with a dessert. Also try some of the light Italian wines that are perfect match for this excellent repast. Call 551-5555 local 1535.

EDSA SHANGRI-LA. Until March 31, graduates will be treated to a free lunch or dinner buffet at Garden Café when accompanied by at least four paying companions. Enjoy a special menu of soups, appetizers and crisp salads, a selection of hot dishes, and a carvery, complemented by delectable desserts. Call 633-8888.

SAISAKI. One of the metro's prime spots for authentic Japanese cuisine relaunches its Executive Meals, known as Teishoku, which means a Japanese complete meal, with eight sets of table staples and a course of main dishes. Enjoy appetizers or mixed sashimi, with tonkatsu, tempura, or sukiyaki. All sets include ramen or udon. Cap it off with desserts, the freshest fruits in season. Other classic all-time favorites like tempura, sukiyaki, sushi are also available. Saisaki branches are located at Glorietta 3 Ayala Center, Alabang, Megamall, Pasay Road, West Avenue and Padre Faura.

THE STEAK HOUSE. The newly opened The Steak House on Jupiter Street, Makati offers the Kiddie Corner set menu that includes spaghetti, hamburger, chicken nuggets, fillet o' fish or fish and chips, ice cream and hotdogs. This specialty restaurant also offers seafood delights such as grilled tuna, steamed seabass, *lapu-lapu* fillet, king prawns and grilled salmon. Steak and seafood orders also go with a free side dish (French fries or twice-baked potato or baked potato). There's also a business lunch for only P250 (also with one free trip to the salad bar and bottomless iced tea).

DUSIT. Ciao Italian Restaurant adds a new twist to its "Pasta Extravaganza" promo. You may now enjoy your pasta creations together with a bottomless glass of iced tea or soft drinks. It's drink-all-you-can on local beers or alcoholic and non-alcoholic standard drinks at P195. Get 50 percent off on all full bottle sales of standard and premium brands with complimentary bar keep. Call 867-3333 local 3310 or 3320.

MONSOON BAR AND RESTAURANT. The new menu brings in specialties from various kitchens around the world. Italian favorites come full circle with Foursome Pizza, Sausage Pizza and Grilled Vegetable Pin. Noodle delights include Poached Shrimp and Soba Noodle Salad. Other Asian-inspired offerings include the Chow Mein which consists of stir-fried pork, shrimps, squid, mushrooms and vegetables planked with egg noodles. There's also Monsoon's Yang Chow Fried Rice, an original rendition of the classic Cantonese fried rice that's perfect with the Hainanese Chicken, a warped feast seasoned in ginger and spice. Also great choices are the Korean Grilled Barbecue marinated in Korean sauce served with Kimchi, and the Pan Seared Lapu-lapu Fillet that comes with Herb Mushroom Duxelles, flavored with butter and served with pilaf rice and vegetables. Snacks consist of Tuna Asparagus Croissant and *adobo* and *kesong puti pandesal* treats. Call 634-1743.

MAKATI SHANGRI-LA. Explore the distinctive flavors of Malaysia at the Island Cafe until March 23. Chefs Ooi Toong Ching and Amran Ariffin unfold the delightful and impressive variety of dishes in this special Penang buffet promotion, like Hookien Mee, Nyonya Prawn Salad, Loh Bak, Char Koay Teow, Purut Ikan and others. The Malay cuisine uses a lot of spices and coconut milk and its taste varies from state to state, with some having the Thai influence. Call 813- 8888 local 7588/7599 or 540-0884.

POLITIXX. Go healthy or go on an eating binge with Manong Roque's Ilocano buffet for only P185 at Politixx together with happy hour prices on beverages from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Politixx is at 574 Nakpil corner Bocobo, Malate. Call 524-9810.

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New take on Lenten meals

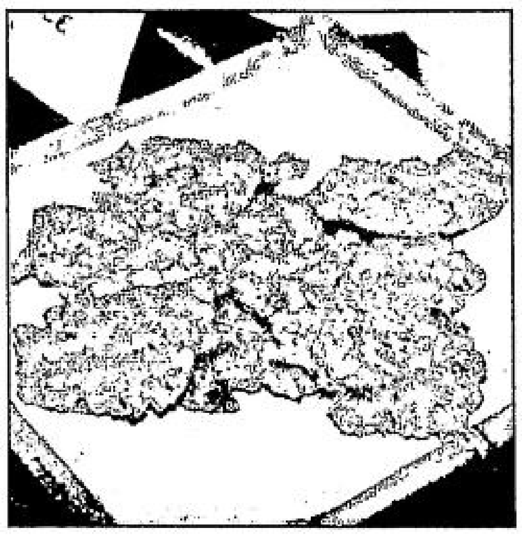
YOU don't have to be stuck with the usual Daing na Bangus or Adobong Pusit this Lenten season. With a little help from Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce and Reynolds Wrap, you can add more excitement to your seafood dishes. Treat your family to a different take on the classic *paella*, exclusively created by culinary expert Nancy Reyes-Lumen. (For more recipes and tips, write to the Lea & Perrins Cook-It-Rich Club, P.O. Box 13210, Ortigas Center Post Office, Pasig City, Metro Manila or fax 816-0014 or e-mail lp.club@skyinet.net.)

Paellitos Negritos

½ kl squid (about 3 inches long)
5 cloves freshly pound garlic
½ c white wine
1½ c cooked, long-grain rice
¼ c olive oil
2 tbsp Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce
3 c fish, vegetable or chicken stock
1 roll Reynold's Wrap Aluminum Foil
Salt and pepper to taste

Skin and clean the squid and remove the ink sacs. Set aside ink sacs. In hot oil, sauté rice with garlic, wine, salt and pepper. Add the squid (either cut into rings or kept whole). Remove the squid when done and add the stock. Stir and add the ink sacs. The ink sacs will burst to let out the ink. Stir to blend the ink with the rice. Add Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce.

Line individual oven-proof cups with Reynolds Wrap Aluminum Foil with an overlap of 2 inches, and spoon the squid and rice mixture into the cups.



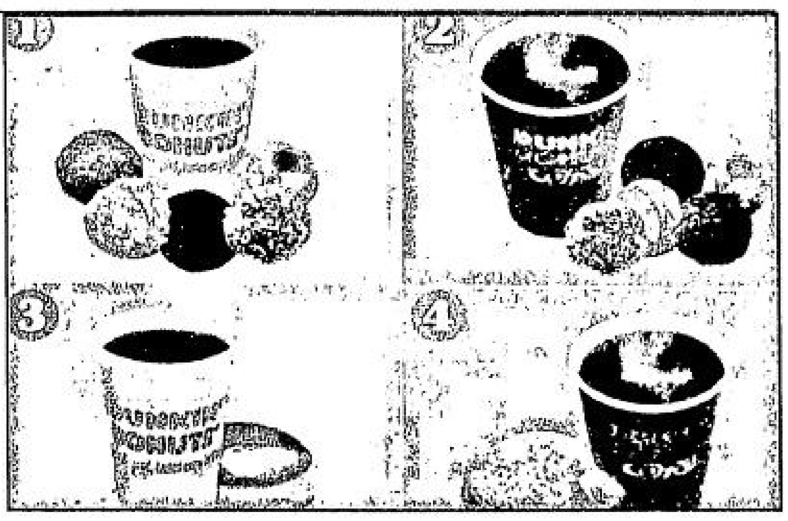
Shrimp rice cakes

1 c Thai kitchen ginger and basil fried rice
1 bottle Thai kitchen peanut satay sauce for dipping
3 tbsp Healthy Options organic flour
½ c Hain oil for frying
1½ c shrimp (minced)
1½ tsp garlic (minced)
½ onion (minced)
1 tbsp butter (melted)
¼ c beer
Salt and pepper

Pour ½ c raw rice with packet mixture into a saucepan. Cover with 1¼ c water. When rice is cooked, transfer it to a bowl and cool. In a separate bowl, combine flour, beer and butter. Mix well. Add the rest of the ingredients to the rice and mix in batter, 1 tbsp at a time until moist. Shape into 2½-inch cakes (about ½-inch thick). Pan fry. Use Peanut Satay Sauce for dipping.

Stretch your meal budget

WHAT makes a great meal?—great-tasting food together with an excellent drink for a truly affordable price. Dunkin' Donuts' "Pasalubong ng Bayan" knows how to stretch your meal budget by offering D-Meal Promo. For only P20, choose from the four combo D-Meals. Combo No. 1 includes five pieces of munchkins plus regular Coca-Cola; Combo No. 2 is five pieces of munchkins plus a cup of brewed coffee; Combo No. 3 is one donut plus regular Coca-Cola; and Combo No. 4 is one donut plus a cup of brewed coffee. Dunkin' Donuts' D-Meals are the friendliest budget meals in town. And if you want to enjoy more of the refreshing Coca-Cola drink or the freshly brewed Dunkin' Donuts coffee, add P3 to your D-Meal choice and get an upsize from regular to medium. Visit your nearest participating Dunkin' Donuts outlet until March 31.



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Cooking mushrooms and preparing potato salad the French way

I LIVED in Paris for almost 35 years and most of that time I had food and recipes on my mind. So, please, bear with me if I keep referring to Parisian restaurants when readers ask me about ingredients found outside the Philippines.

Mary Ellen Santos of Baguio would like to know how to cook mushrooms.

The Quai d'Orsay restaurant in Paris was famous for its mushrooms. While I cannot give all the steps involved in the recipe, I know that garlic had a lot to do with the dish. Mushroom has a very delicate flavor, so you have to do a very keen balancing act with the butter and garlic that you add to this dish. I am almost sure there was white wine—just a splash of it.

Always select fresh mushrooms that are whole and with no signs of decay. Well-packaged mushrooms can just be brushed and wiped. But if you must wash them, dry them thoroughly. Due to the pigments in the mushrooms, some lemon will whiten them.

If mushrooms are not big, the stems can be used. Otherwise, the stems can be cut off just below the cap and used for another vegetable dish or omelet.

Mushrooms in Olive Oil and Garlic

1 pound mushroom, cleaned and cut into slices as desired
1 c olive oil
1 head of garlic, peeled and chopped
Salt and pepper
Sliced chili (optional)

Use a thick-bottomed cooking pan. Heat the olive oil and add the garlic until it is cooked to a very light golden brown. Add the sliced mushrooms. Season with salt and pepper. Continue cooking. The juice of the mushrooms will mix with the oil and garlic. Cook until all the flavors are absorbed. Season with salt and add chili to spice it up.

ASK NORA

Nora V. Daza

STEPH BRAVO

Mary Ellen also asked for a salad dressing without mayonnaise for vegetables.

French Dressing

½ tsp salt
¼ c pineapple vinegar
1 tsp prepared mustard
3/4 c salad oil or olive oil

In a bowl, mix the mustard and salt. Blend in the vinegar. Then add the oil. Using a pepper mill, add freshly ground pepper. This amount is enough for 6-8 persons. If you wish, put this in a jar with a tight cover and store in the refrigerator. You can add garlic, chili, bits of cheese for your salad.

If you want to sit with your guests or family as you serve your vegetable salad, pour the dressing at the bottom of the salad bowl. Arrange the vegetables on top and garnish the salad. When it is time to serve the salad, simply toss the vegetables, scraping the bottom to spread the dressing, and serve. You can have a bowl of dressing on the side.

Yogurt Salad Dressing

6-oz pot of plain yogurt
1 tbsp wine or pineapple vinegar
Freshly ground pepper
Salt
12 mint or basil leaves (optional)

Prepare the dressing in a chilled bowl. Stir in the yogurt and vinegar. Add freshly ground pepper. Arrange the leaves on top of the other and roll them tightly so it us shaped like a cylinder. Cut the cylinder of leaves thinly and add to the dressing.

Mary Ellen also asked for a recipe of potato salad. Here is one of my favorites.

Piedmontaise Salad

1kg potatoes, boiled, peeled and cut into large cubes
½ kg large, firm, ripe tomatoes
6-8 hardboiled eggs, peeled and cut lengthwise into fours
½ c *cornichon* or dill pickles
1-1½ c mayonnaise
Salt to taste

Use boiled potatoes and hardboiled eggs cut large enough to be identified with rather thick slices of *cornichon* or dill pickles. The fresh tomatoes have to hold their shape or you will find only the skin in your salad. Cut the tomatoes into large segments.

Also, spread mayonnaise on top of the cut-up vegetables and carefully coat everything with this dressing. The result is attractive and tasty. Piedmontaise Salad is popular in France. When I make this, I add more Dijon mustard and I think it improves the flavor.

There have been intelligent questions raised about the Taisan recipe recently. The cake rises due to the air cells trapped in the beaten eggs. No, there is no baking powder, and the butter is added while the cake is still hot so that it seeps into the cake.

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Pasta sauce with a twist

GIVE your usual carbonara a rest and create all-new pastas with just a change of sauce. Mushrooms, clams and shrimp or a new cheese can give new verve to your pasta dishes. Indulge in a seafood and cheese feast with this recipe from Galbani, masters of Italian cheese, created by culinary expert chef Reggie Aspiras. (Galbani cheese is available at Santis Delicatessen Shops in Yakal, Forbes, Greenhills, Alabang, Timog, Silang, Rockwell and Rustan's Makati. All other ingredients are also available in all Santis Deli outlets.)

Caviar and Cheese Pasta

1 kg shrimps
5 slices smoked salmon
1 c Galbani ricotta cheese
½ c grated Galbani Parmesan cheese
5 slices Galbani mozzarella cheese
1 tsp Italian mixed herbs
1 tsp salt
½ tsp pepper
¼ c parsley
3 tbsps flour
1 c bread crumbs
5 stalks chives
1 c clam juice
1 c cream
¼ c fresh dill
1 tsp fresh lemon juice
250 g cooked pasta
4 tbsp caviar

Process shrimps in a food processor and transfer to a bowl. Add salt, pepper, ricotta cheese, mixed herbs, parsley and flour and blend well. Flour hands and form the shrimp mixture into tiny balls. Dip balls in egg, then bread crumbs and fry until golden brokers. Set the shrimp balls aside.

Blanche chives. Stuff smoked salmon with mozzarella cheese and tie together with chives. Tuck in sides and set aside.

Bring clam juice and cream to a boil in a heavy large skillet over high heat. Reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes or until the mixture thickens enough to coat a spoon, whisking occasionally. Whisk in dill and lemon juice and season with salt and pepper. Add pasta and toss to coat. Drain sauce from pasta, transfer the pasta to a serving dish and sprinkle with caviar. Top with shrimp balls and salmon bundles. Serve with lemon wedges and garnish with dill.

Perk up your salads

CRAVING for something more interesting than the usual Caesar or potato salad? Salads need not be boring, as long as you experiment with greens, toppings and dressings. Try adding nuts or honey for a twist or add a variety of different cheeses, fresh or even deep-fried, to perk up your salads. New alternatives to ordinary mixed greens with the help of Galbani cheese, as this salad recipe created by culinary expert Reggie Aspiras.

Pear and Fried Cheese Green Salad

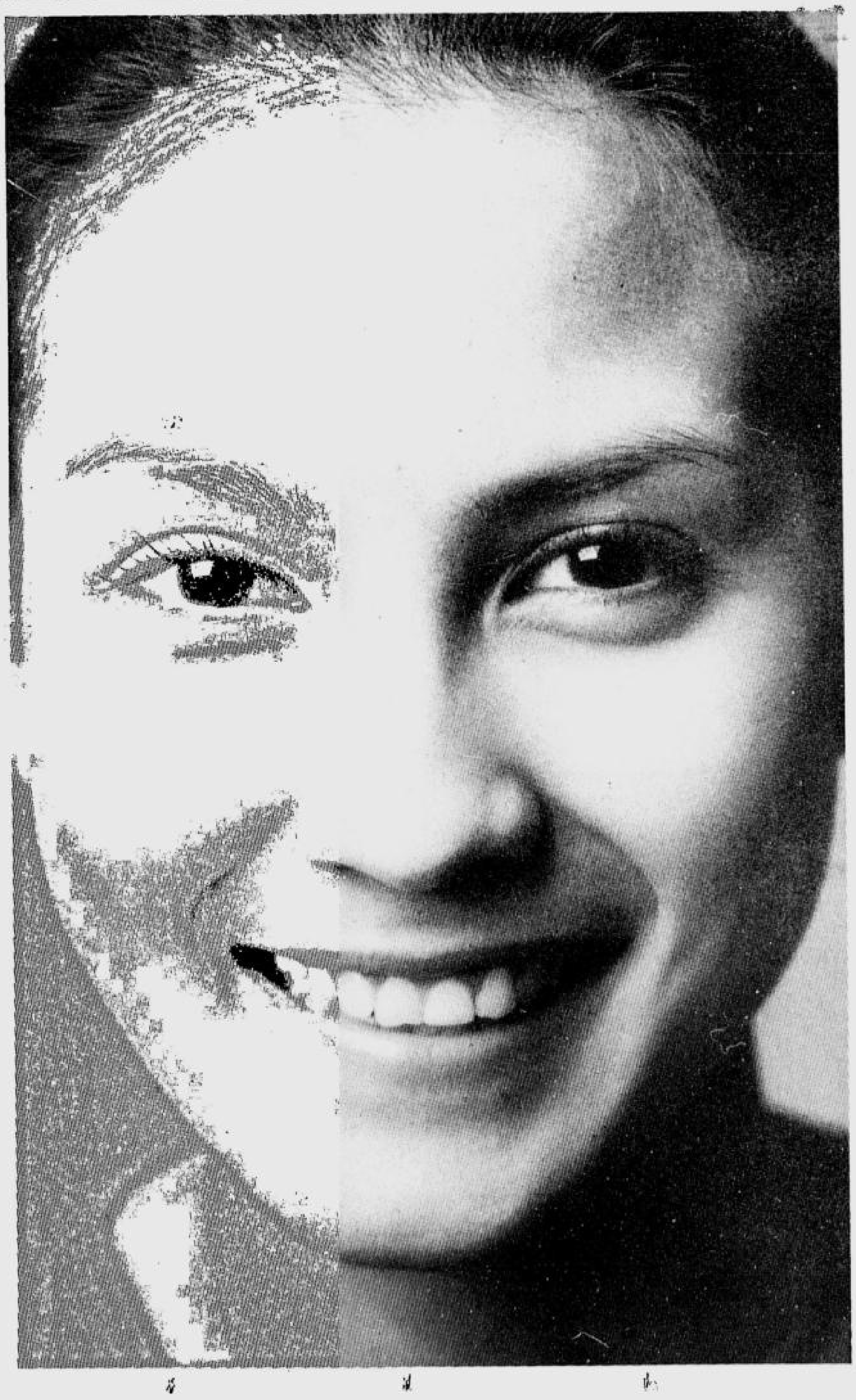
2 heads romaine lettuce
4 pears or apples
3-4 tbsp brown sugar
2 tsp Dijon mustard
1/3 c olive oil
1 tbsp red wine
2 tsps chopped parsley
2 tbsp freshly grated Galbani Parmesan cheese
4 pk Galbani mozzarella di buffala cheese
6-8 slices Galbani gorgonzola cheese
1 egg, beaten
Flour for coating
3 tbsp cooking oil

Preheat oven to 350°F. Peel, core and quarter the pears. Set aside. Melt the butter in a saucepan. Add pears, sprinkle with brown sugar and sauté lightly. Remove from heat and transfer to a baking pan. Bake uncovered for 10-15 minutes at 350°F or until pears are slightly caramelized. Set baked pears aside.

Heat oil in a pan. Pulverize bread crumbs in a food processor. Drain buffala cheese on paper towels, coat with flour, then dip in egg and coat thickly with bread crumbs. Fry coated cheese in hot oil until all sides are golden brown. Set aside.

In a small bowl, combine mustard and vinegar. Gradually whisk in olive oil, whisking in the Parmesan cheese last.

Arrange lettuce in a salad bowl, then top with crumbled gorgonzola cheese, chopped parsley, the Parmesan cheese dressing and the deep-fried mozzarella.



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An empowered Cucina

(From page D1)

Today the Cucina Victoria and its predecessors constitute a neat, tight operation—all still based in Vicky's home kitchen. All meat, fish and seafood are purchased, portioned and delivered to the outlets. All spices come in VCP sachets. All the cooks have to do is put them together, with Manolet checking and Vicky sometimes stepping in to cook.

POWER PLANT

ON THE RIGHT of the mall's entrance—Cucina Victoria

"We don't hire chefs," Manolet says, "we train those who have worked with us, like dishwashers."

These love the professional leap, of course, and work hard, because they are quite aware that if they left, others could easily replace them. Thus the central kitchen is still where it began—in Vicky's home.

And yet the restaurants are flexible and accept special requests. Some order sauces for home use ("Put it in a plastic container") or for gifts ("Put it in a gift bottle"). Others will order a dish to supplement a party. Still others request a whole array of food to be served in their own chafing dishes. Filipino flexibility at its best.

Both Manolet and Vicky, by the way, come from families of eight children each, and are used to giving, taking and listening. When a friend suggested some feng shui, they accepted this input from another culture, and so there is a chime here, a repositioning there.

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On alcohol and alcohol consumption

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- Never take alcohol on an empty stomach for this increases your chances of getting drunk easily. Remember that food slows down the absorption of the alcohol into the bloodstream so have some chips or pica-pica on the side or, better yet, eat first before you take alcohol.
- Gulping drinks can quickly cause more intoxicating effects than just slowly sipping it.
- Depending on the drinker's capacity, his/her inhibitions may be lost after taking only a couple of drinks.
- Only time will lessen the effects of alcohol. So skip the cold shower, exercise, fresh air and black coffee, and remember that it will take as many hours to eliminate the alcohol as the number of drinks consumed.
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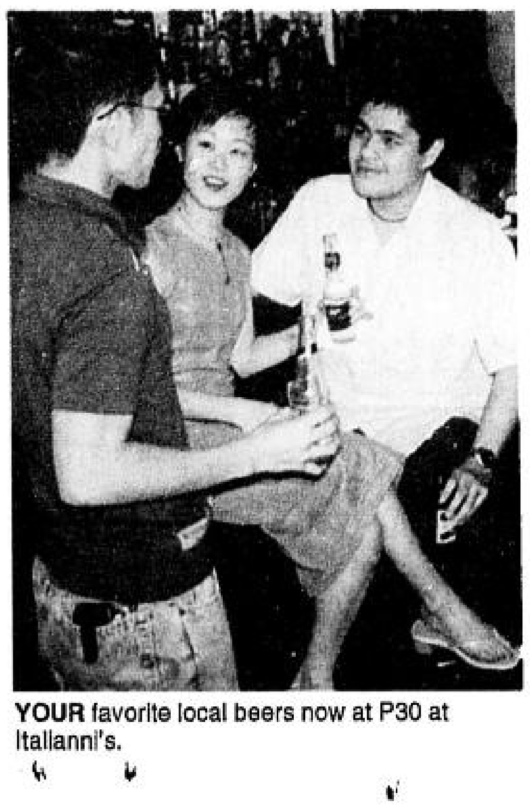

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Fresh takes on classic Pinoy cuisine

Experience Mama Rosa's creative ways with ingredients and technique

By Rowena C. Burgos
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MAMA Rosa, a 200-sq-m Filipino deli and restaurant at the corner of the trendy Timog-Morato neighborhood, is one of the city's best buys. Where else can you have a delicious, can't-finish-it-all three-course meal with brewed coffee or iced tea for P410? And the food is first-rate; each course is composed with delightful precision.

On the P410 menu, one might begin with a Pako and Suha Salad, made up of fiddlehead fern shoots, *singkamas*, *ubod* and pomelo, with honey-fish sauce dressing; move on to Crispy Tadyang, deep-fried Batangas beef served with pickled *kangkong* and balsamic vinegar fish sauce dip; then top it off with Frozen Dayap Mousse.

Owned by siblings Tiks Laurel, Gok Asence, who is in charge of product marketing and merchandising, and Rod Dula, Mama Rosa is a good thing for stressing the originality of the food rather the novelty of the concept. It entertains palates tired of the confusing fusion cui-

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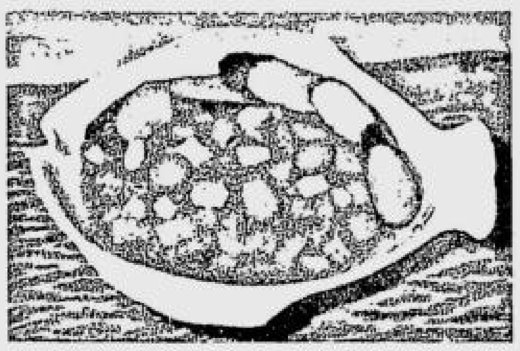

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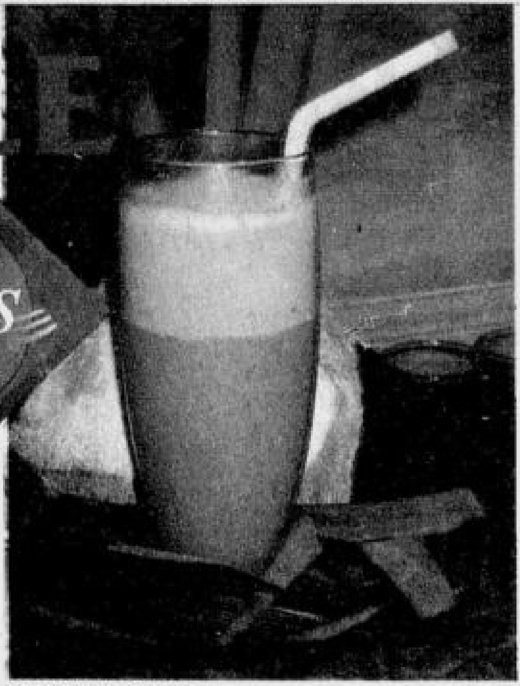

PANDAN Shake

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Hito with Tanglad is one of the current Lenten offerings in Cabalen's P220 eat-all-you-can, eat-all-you-want buffet, along with Quilain (*kilawin*) Tanigue, Vegetable Springroll, Sari-Sari Seafoods and Lelot Mais. Drink of the month is Pandan Shake.

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Big menu for the Big C

By Vangie Baga-Reyes

DID you know that cancer-stricken people get well faster if they are well-nourished and well-fed? A healthy diet is needed for a person's body to work at its best. This is even more important for cancer patients.

"Cancer patients who eat well and maintain a healthy diet feel better and stay stronger," stresses noted nutritionist Sanirose Orbeta. "Not to mention they are able to cope with the side effects of cancer treatments."

One noticeable side effect of cancer treatments, such as chemotherapy and radiotherapy, is the loss of appetite. Patients' sense of taste and, most often, their ability to swallow food diminish. In the process, they begin to lose weight and experience the so-called cancer cachexia, a condition that happens when patients suffer intractable anorexia and extreme weight loss.

For many patients with cancer, taking the appropriate diet becomes a challenge. Usually, the patients don't feel well. According to Orbeta, nutrition recommendations for cancer patients are slightly different because they are designed to help improve the patients' strength and assist in withstanding the effects of the cancer and its treatment.

A healthy diet for cancer patients puts emphasis on eating lots of fruits, vegetables, a moderate amount of meat and dairy products, and cutting back on fat and alcohol. "Most importantly, cancer patients must take energy food like carbohydrates and sugar to invigorate them," says Orbeta. Food rich in carbohydrates (rice, pasta, noodles) assist in releasing the needed energy to sustain the body. Protein from meat products will only slow down the patient's digestive system, since most of them experience nausea and constipation during treatment.

Fruits and vegetables are important in the patient's diet. In choosing fruits and vegetables, Orbeta says to pick the ones with deeper and darker color. For example, choose squash instead of *sayote*, *kangkong* instead of cauliflower or *malunggay* in place of cabbage. They are good sources of antioxidants and vitamins.

Nutrition recommendations for cancer patients also focus on helping them increase their calorie intake. Total calorie intake depends on the age, body build and gender of the patient, says Orbeta. For instance, an active small boy can eat about 2,500 calories a day. Some people who are diagnosed with cancer can only finish 800 to 1,000 calories a day because they have already lost their appetite. So, frequent small meals are necessary. "No matter what food you give them as long as they can digest it and meet the ideal calories required, it is much better," she says.

Patients who have a difficult time in chewing and swallowing food may take cereals, noodles, yogurt, congee/porridge, mashed potatoes, sherbets, custards, gelatin, puddings, scrambled eggs and puréed vegetables such as carrots and peas. Try frequent small meals throughout the day, rather than fewer big ones.

Other side effects

In cancer treatment, apart from loss of appetite, patients also experience changes in sense of smell, sore throat, dry mouth, diarrhea, constipation, lactose intolerance, dental and gum problems, fatigue and depression. To handle these problems, cancer patients may try liquid or powdered meal replacements during times when it is hard for them to eat food.

The booklet "Eating Hints for Cancer Patients Before, During and After Treatment," published by the National Cancer Institute, suggests that patients should always keep snacks within easy reach so they can have something whenever they feel like it. Cheese and crackers, muffins, ice cream, peanut butter, fruit and pudding are good possibilities.

Even if patients don't feel like eating solid foods, they must drink plenty of fluids, especially on those days when they don't feel like eating. Water is essential to the body's proper functioning. Juices, soups and other fluids can give important calories and nutrients. "If you can, force the patient to drink water or any energy drink like Gatorade, Red Bull, iced tea with plenty of sugar, because they need the calories. Calories are energy food," explains Orbeta. High dosage of milk supplements such as Ensure and Sustagen and other milk products are also good supplements. They contain energy to fight bad cells.

But, if patients can masticate, Orbeta says, the better. Chemotherapy and radiation therapy may reduce the flow of saliva and cause dry mouth. To deal with this, cancer patients can have a sip of water every few minutes to help them swallow and talk more easily. They can try very sweet or tart foods and beverages, or suck on hard candy or popsicles, or chew gum to stimulate their salivary glands.

Food presentation

Usually, the patient's sense of taste or smell changes during the treatment. "Many foods begin to taste differently. In cancer cachexia, sweet becomes bitter, bitter becomes extremely salty and some food becomes metallic in taste," Orbeta says. Sometimes, changing the form of food to make it more appetizing in presentation will help stimulate the patient's appetite. For instance, if eating whole fresh fruits is a problem, try mixing fruits into a milkshake, like banana milkshake or mango shake. If red meat, such as beef, tastes or smells strange, try chicken or fish instead. Use small amounts of flavorful seasonings, such as basil, oregano or rosemary on meat dishes. Try using bacon, ham, or onion to add flavor to vegetables.

"I think that's the secret of encouraging patients to eat more," observes Orbeta. "Presenting food or meals in an attractive way helps a lot."

Eating the right kind of food during treatment can help patients feel better and stay stronger. However, Orbeta often finds herself telling patients to eat any food they like only to make their life comfortable. "At this, we give them everything and anything that stimulates their appetite. Some people ask me, can we give them *achara*, *bagoong* or *patis*? I say go ahead. If that will induce their appetite, it's okay."

"I know a lot of cancer patients who survive their ordeal because they eat well. They undergo chemotherapy and their hair does not even fall down. After several hours of treatment, they just drink orange juice, eat crackers and they're up on their feet. But those who are very weak are those who don't help themselves. I notice they deteriorate faster, always in pain, because they are not feeling right."

Orbeta advises cancer patients to eat well and drink lots of fluids before and after treatment "to keep up with the treatment which will make them feel all dried up."

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NUTRITIONIST Sanirose Orbeta

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Cancer treatment results in loss of appetite that may further deplete the patient's will to live. Boosting appetite is boosting one's chances of survival

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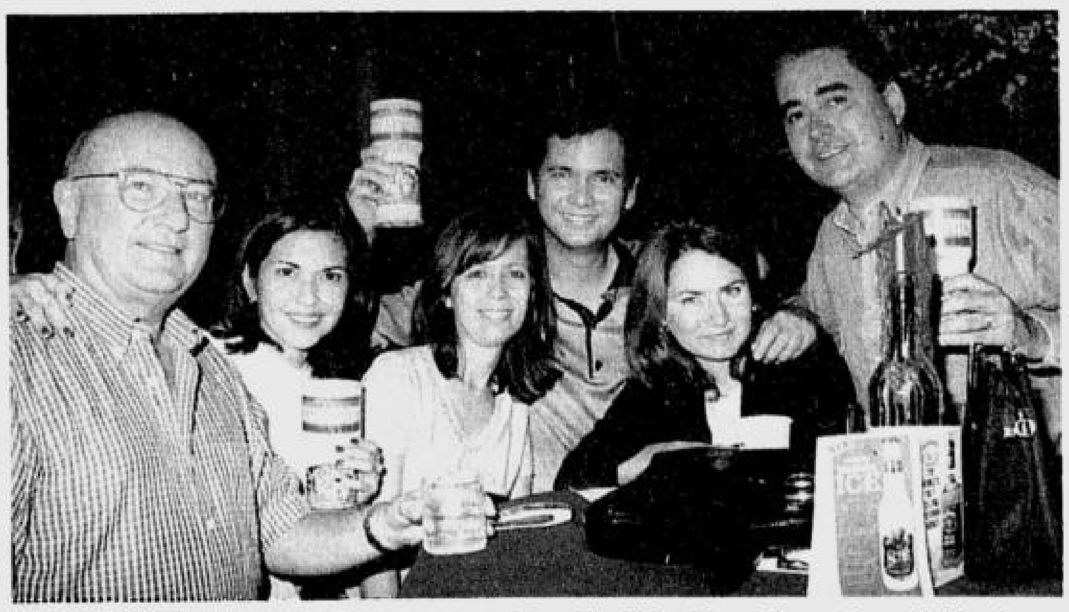

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Handle food with care

FOOD poisoning happens when food is handled carelessly. Here are some tips in safe food handling so the whole family can enjoy meals without worries.

- When shopping for packaged food, always check the "best before" date. Do not take this little item for granted. It's bad enough to take a trip back to the grocery to exchange or return food that has expired. What's worse is if you contract a bad case of poisoning because of a small detail you overlooked. Check canned goods for bumps and dents. It could mean the food has turned bad. When taking a trip to the chilled section, make sure the frozen meats are hard as rock and refrigerated food cold to the touch. Cold food should be placed in the refrigerator as soon as you get home from the supermarket.
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- Proper preparation. Make sure you wash your hands thoroughly before preparing food. Kitchen towels should be changed often since bacteria thrive in moist, unclean places. Utensils like cutting boards and knives that come into contact with raw meat juices should be cleaned first before using them for other food items.
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- Call the doctor immediately if you suspect food-borne illness in your family. Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fever, difficulty in swallowing or breathing are sure signs of food poisoning. If the offending food came from a restaurant, report the episode to concerned authorities right away. Provide a detailed account of the incident so the doctor can administer proper treatment and the related government agency can take necessary action.

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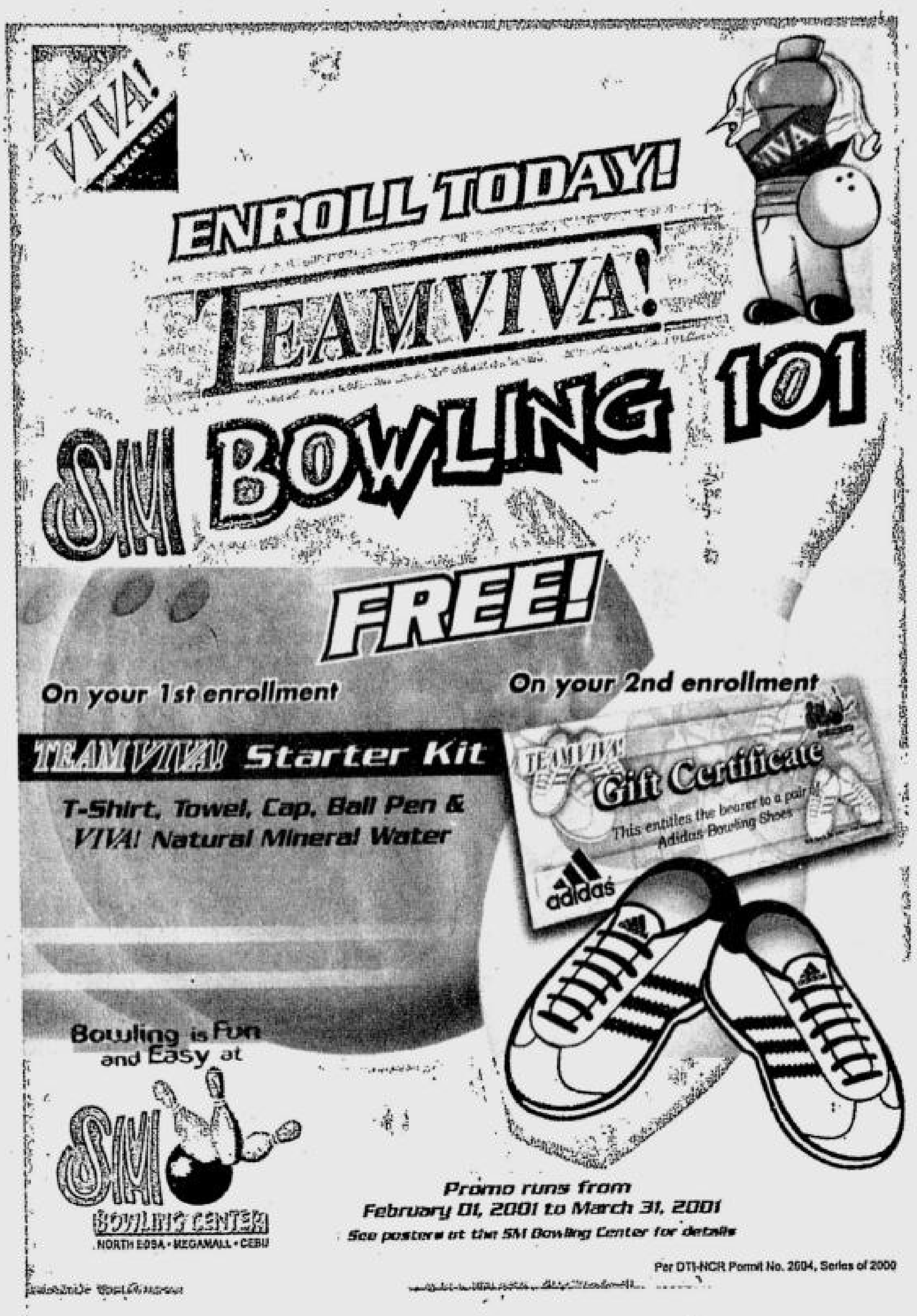

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1. All BPI/BPI Family Bank Express Teller and BPI Direct ATM cardholders who use the EPS from February 5 to April 1, 2001 can join the promo.
2. Every ₱1,000 EPS purchase in a single receipt will qualify a cardholder to one (1) computer-generated raffle number.
3. Only a maximum of five (5) raffle numbers in a day will be assigned to an accountholder who used the EPS.
4. Prizes are as follows:
   - Daily Prizes -3 winners everyday of ₱1,000 each
   - Grand Draw Prizes
     First Prize -Entertainment Showcase
     Second Prize -Kitchen Showcase
     Third Prize -Games and Amusement Showcase
5. For the Daily Draws, the following shall apply:
   5.1 Computer-generated raffle numbers assigned to EPS purchases on a particular date are valid for that date only.
   5.2 An accountholder can win everyday, but only ONCE in each day's draw.
   5.3 Draws will be held at the 15/F, BPI Head Office, Ayala Ave., Makati City on the following dates:

Purchase Dates	Draw Dates
Feb. 5 to Feb 11	Feb. 14
Feb. 12 to Feb 18	Feb. 21
Feb. 19 to Feb. 25	Feb. 28
Feb. 26 to March 4	March 7
March 5 to March 11	March 14
March 12 to March 18	March 21
March 19 to March 25	March 28
March 26 to April 1	April 4

   A DTI representative will be present at each draw.
   5.4 The ₱1,000 prize will be credited to the winner's account within seven (7) working days after the draw date.
6. For the Grand Draw, the following shall apply:
   6.1 All computer-generated raffle numbers assigned to EPS purchases within the promo period are qualified for the Grand Draw.
   6.2 Grand Draw will be held on April 4, 2001 at the 15/F, BPI Head Office, Ayala Avenue cor. Paseo de Roxas, Makati City.
   6.3 An accountholder can only win once. If drawn more than once, he will get the prize with the higher value.
   6.4 All Grand Prize winners can claim their prizes at 15/F BPI Head Office Ayala Ave. Makati City. Just present your Express Teller ATM card and one (1) valid ID (driver's license, company ID, SSS ID).
   6.5 Prizes are not convertible to cash. All prizes are tax-free.
7. List of account numbers with corresponding computer-generated raffle numbers will be available at the following locations:
   - BPI Main Branch, BPI Head Office, Ayala Ave., Makati City
   - BPI Family Bank Main Branch, Paseo de Roxas, Makati City
   - BPI Baguio Burnham Branch, Baguio City
   - BPI Cebu-Mango Branch, Cebu City
8. Winners will be notified by registered mail. Complete list of winners will be published in a major newspaper with national circulation at the end of the promo.
9. Unclaimed prizes after 60 days from receipt of notification shall be forfeited with prior approval from DTI.
10. All Express Teller/BPI Direct accounts that are closed/terminated, dormant, under litigation or garnished during the promo period are disqualified.
11. All employees of BPI Unibank, its advertising and PR agencies, and their relatives up to the second degree of consanguinity or affinity are disqualified.
12. In case of dispute, the decision of BPI Unibank, with the concurrence of DTI, shall be deemed final.

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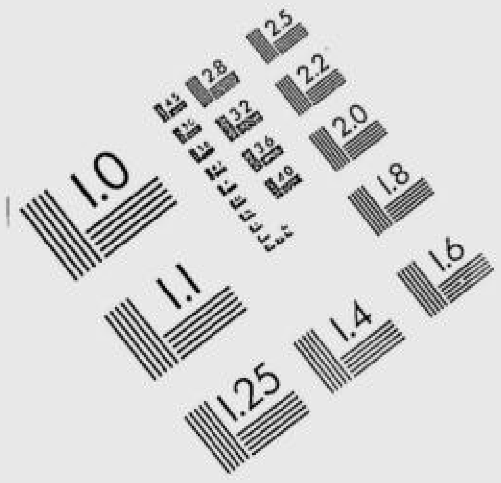
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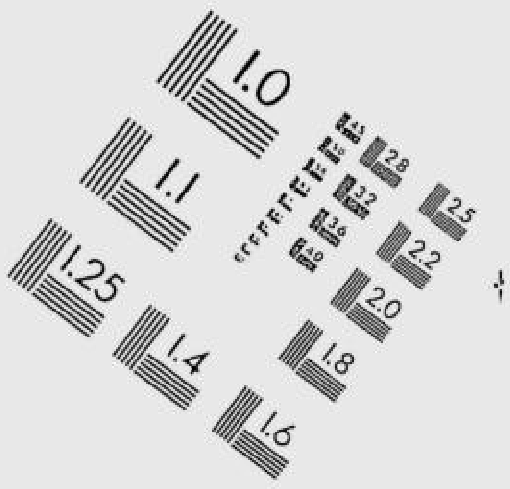
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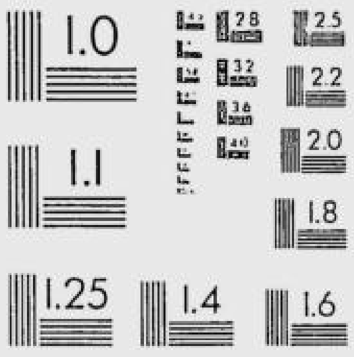
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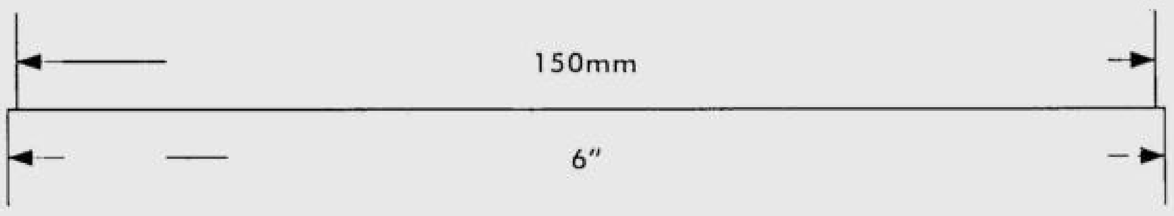

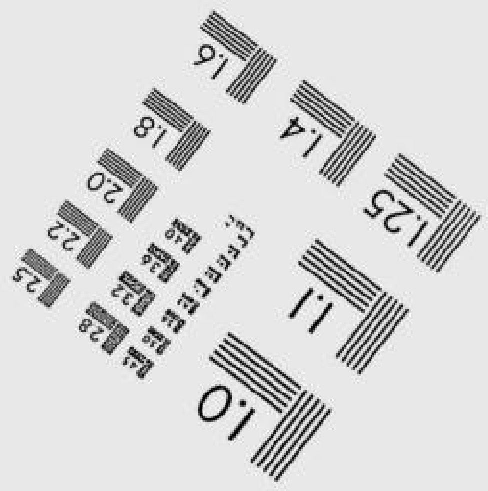
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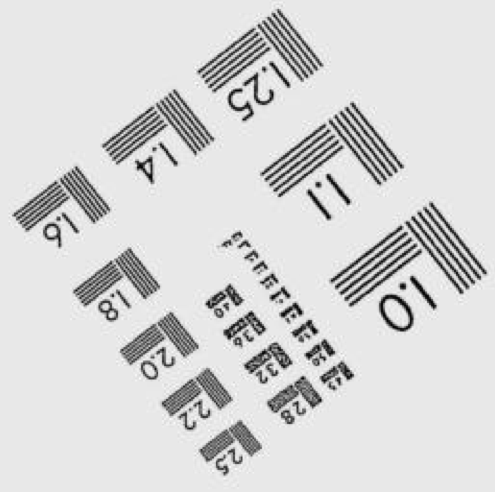
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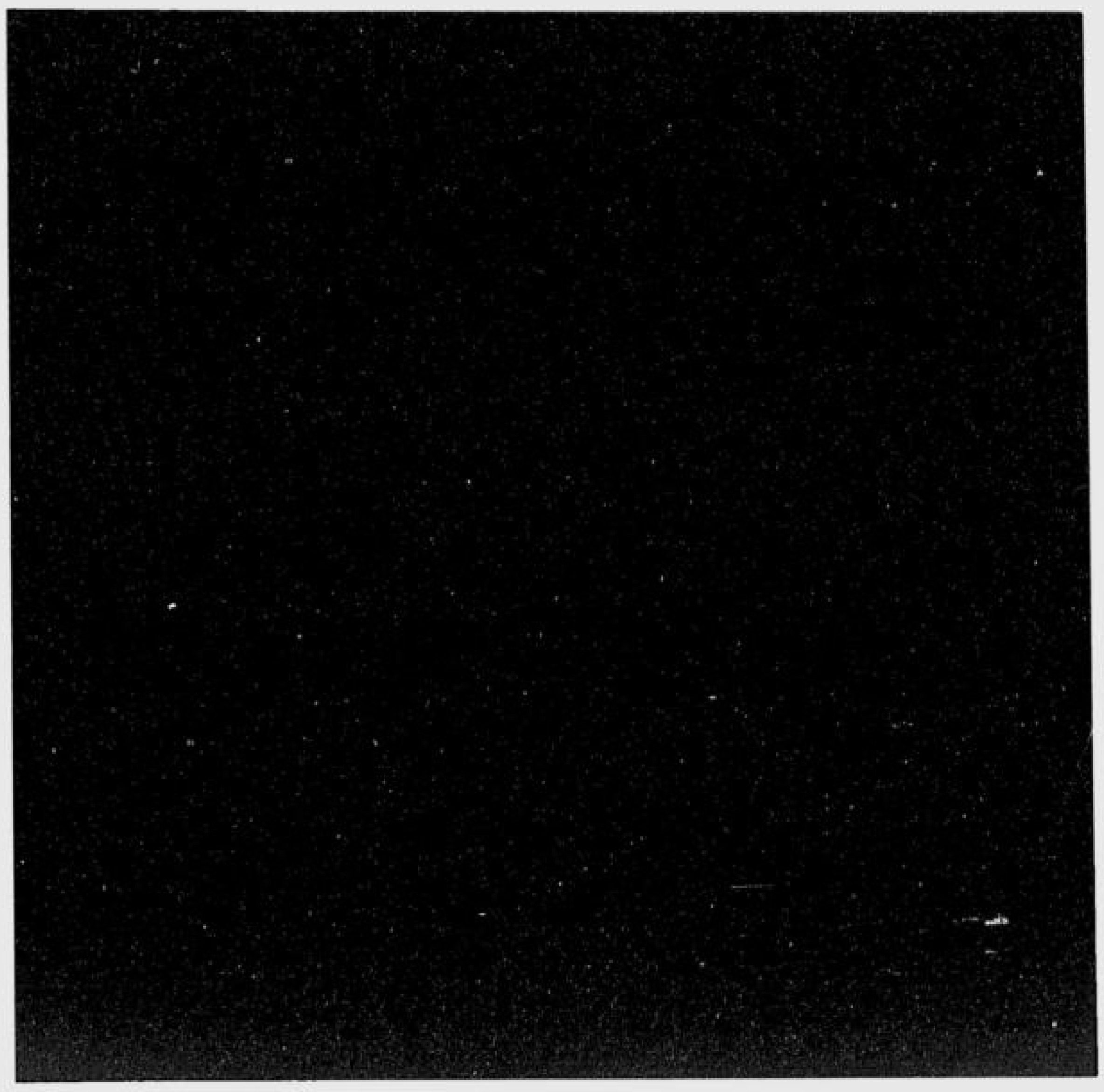

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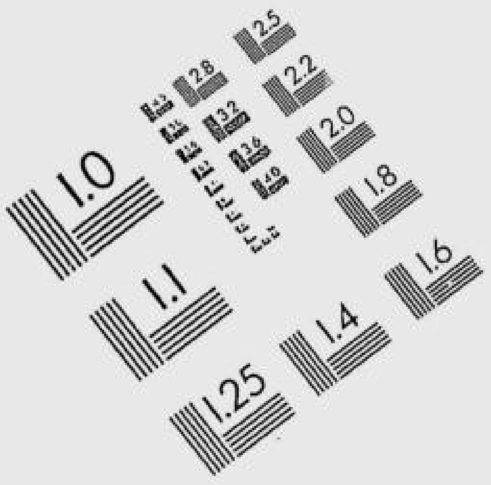
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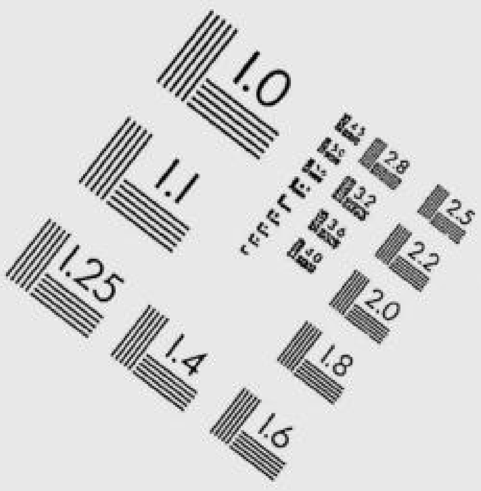
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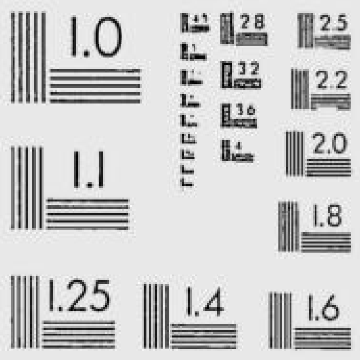
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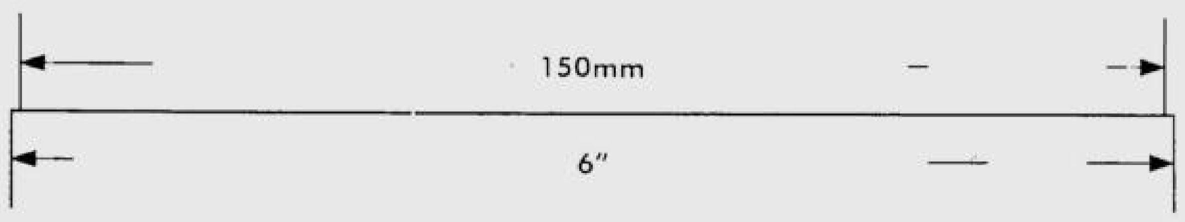

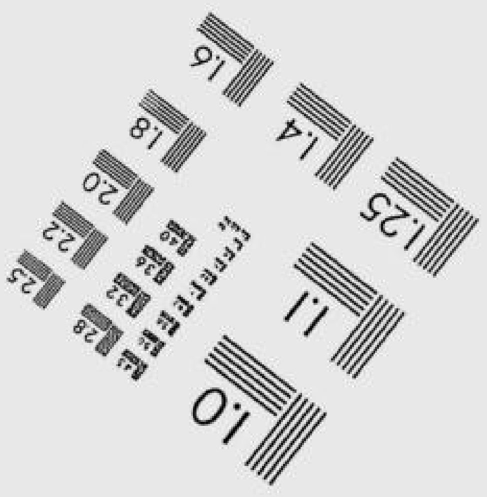
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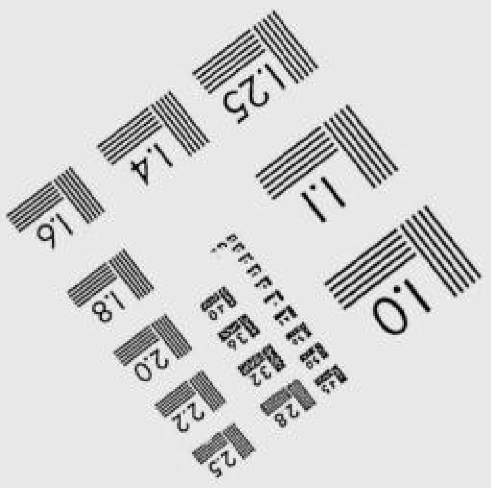
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